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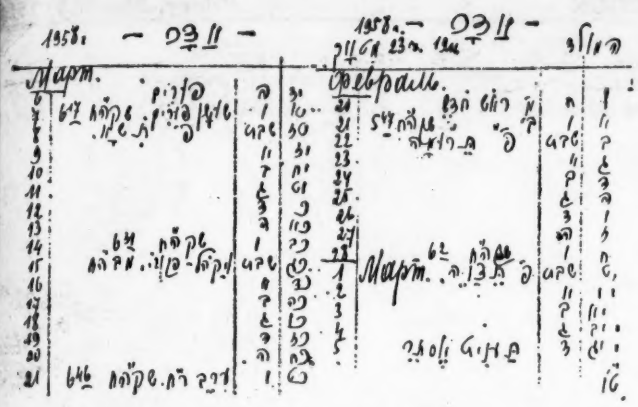

A Document of Our Time

This Hebrew luah (calendar) from Russia gives evidence of the plight of Russian Jewry today. The calendar is handwritten because Jewish congregations in Russia are not allowed to print any kind of religious books. Shown here is this month's Adar page. The luah was brought back from the Main Synagogue at Moscow by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Liff of Nashville, Tenn.

Center Head Admits News, Ad Boycott Of Jewish Paper

CINCINNATI, O. (NJP)—Jewish community center president Marvin Warner admitted this week that the center staff had been withholding publicity and advertising from Every Friday, local Anglo-Jewish paper, because "Every Friday wanted its stories on an exclusive basis, and it was not our policy to give publicity to any newspaper on that basis."

Warner's statement was in answer to an editorial in Every Friday, accusing the center of a news and advertising boycott of the paper because it had opposed expenditure of $2 million on the center's new building.

WARNER THIS week called a meeting of the center's news and advertising committee to investigate the matter. The committee laid down a policy of providing all newspapers with publicity "on an equal basis," Warner announced.

Meanwhile, Edward H. Weiland, editor of Every Friday, told The POST and OPINION that the center last week had sent Every Friday a release "without comment." He declared that he felt the "barrier had thus been broken" between the center and his paper.

PREVIOUS TO the committee meeting, Warner had termed Every Friday's charge "a surprise" to him. Declaring that he "wasn't aware that anything was withheld from anyone," he told The POST and OPINION that he had been contacted by Every Friday concerning the paper's charges

Warner added that the center did not have a paid publicist, but that its publicity was sent out by the center staff in accordance with center board policy.

Cyril Slesnick, center director, refused comment on Every Friday's charges, accusing The POST and OPINION of merely "seeking a sensational story."

THE EDITORIAL in Every Friday charged that the center since the fall of 1957 had "completely ignored Every Friday, withholding all news releases and other information from its editor." It added that the center "placed large advertisements in another local Jewish newspaper, but none, of course, in Every Friday."

Every Friday had fallen into the center's bad graces, the editorial said, when it contended that part of the $2 million to be raised for the new center should be earmarked for Cincinnati's Jewish educational institutions.

Reform 'Real' Judaism, Liberal Rabbi Asserts

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (NJP) —**REFORM JUDAISM** is not a modified Judaism, not a modified Orthodoxy, but is the mainstream of Judaism itself, declared Rabbi Maurice Davis of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation at a forum on "What Is Reform Judaism Good For?" at the Jewish community center.

Rabbi Davis

Reform Jews have to understand, he said, that Reform Judaism is not a separate sect but the "real" Judaism.

Rabbi Davis declared that the Babylonian rabbis had been among the first "Reform Jews" when they "came to grips with reality and tried to find a line from the Bible to their own problems." He cited the prophets, writers of the Talmud and its commentaries, and the writers of the later codes and responsa as 'Reform Jews" in their way because they adapted the Jewish tradition to the needs of the time.

He said he could not accept the "Guide to Reform Judaism" of Rabbis Doppelt and Polish, because there is too much diversity in Reform Judaism and because such a code ran counter to the idea of free expression in the movement.

Reform Judaism, he declared, contributed to the development of Judaism when it came to understand that legalism doesn't belong to religion but to the state.

Dulles Raps Arabs for Name-Calling

WASHINGTON (NJP) — Childhood taunts of "sticks and stones will break my bones, but names will never harm me" seems to apply to the latest flow of invective from Cairo to Jordan.

Dulles

Secretary of State Dulles, asked by The POST and OPINION to comment on danger of threats from the United Arab Republic to the new federation of Jordan and Iraq said that "unhappily the area is so rife with propaganda that people there are almost immune.

HE EXPRESSED his regret that the radios in that part of the world "devote themselves to recrimination, charges and counter-charges. The danger in terms of language is difficult to evaluate."

Work Stoppage Hits Zionists in Wage Dispute

NEW YORK (NJP) — Executives of the American Zionists Council, and its subsidiary organization, the American Christian Palestine Committee, went out on a work stoppage one day this week over a lag in negotiations with the administration of the AZC.

The POST and OPINION was told by a member of the AZC administration that there were differences between the demands of the executives and the offer of the council. Negotiations are continuing, he said. Representatives of the AZC executives and the ACPC refused to discuss the matter with the press.

40,000-50,000 Expected

JERUSALEM (NJP)—Between 40,000 and 50,000 immigrants are expected in Israel during Israel's coming fiscal year to begin April 1, the Jewish Agency stated.

DRAFT HELD UP FOR PESAH

NEW YORK (NJP)—Draft boards have been requested to give "favorable consideration whenever possible" to requests of Jewish registrants not to be scheduled for physical examination or induction into the armed forces during Passover, Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the selective service system, announced.

Jewish registrants scheduled for physical examination or induction between April 5 and 12 are given the right to request deferment until after Passover, according to a selective service operations bulletin, No. 81, received by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Butchers, Church, Council

NY Sabbath Law Stalled on 3 Fronts

By CHARLES ROTH

NEW YORK (NJP)—New York City's controversial Sabbath law (NJP, Feb. 14, 28)—which would permit Jewish storekeepers closed on Saturday to keep open on Sunday—appeared to have been sidetracked by the city council this week after a Jewish councilman switched his position to oppose the proposed bill.

EARLIER IN the week more than 500 Jews led by Orthodox lay and rabbinic leaders had picketed the city hall, chanting psalms and carrying placards to demand Mayor Robert F. Wagner fulfill his promise to Jewish groups that he would press for passage of the law.

Councilman Stanley Isaacs (R) reversed his position to bring about the unexpected hitch to the bill's passage, which had been expected this week. The bill submitted by the mayor required only a simple majority for its passage.

ACTION WAS tabled to next Tuesday after councilman Earl Brown did not appear. A check by The POST and OPINION showed that the bill lost its majority support with Isaac's switch.

In a last-minute unsuccessful effort to avert the city hall picketing, Mayor Wagner called on Rabbi Herbert Goldstein, one of the spokesmen for Jewish groups, to no avail.

While the demonstration was taking place, representatives of the kosher butchers association, were meeting with the mayor and councilmen urging them to block passage of the bill to permit Jewish merchants to open on Sunday.

THE BILL as presented contains a rider exempting butchers from the legislation. However, the butchers contend this exemption has no legal grounds and may be contested later on in court. The butchers, who operate on a five-day week by agreement, and union regulations, fear that small butcher shops opening on Sunday would cause the entire trade to do so.

The Archdiocese co-ordinating committee of Catholic lay organizations issued a statement on Sunday opposing the proposed bill, demanding that present blue laws remain in force. The group, spurred by feelings that Sunday is a day of rest and prayer, claim that the proposed legislation would inevitably bring about abuses of present tranquility of the Christian Sabbath.

LEVIN AWARD SET ASIDE

NEW YORK (NJP)—The $50,000 judgment awarded author - playwright Meyer Levin for damages in his suit against the producers of "Diary of Anne Frank" has been set aside.

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Coleman, who presided at the trial, said in his decision: "There is a complete failure of proof as to damages." He ordered a new trial.

Match Science With Civil Rights, Klutznick Urges

WASHINGTON (NJP)—Philip Klutznick, B'nai B'rith president, this week called for advances in civil rights to match American advances in science, in the keynote speech of the Anti-Defamation League's Democratic Legacy awards dinner.

Klutznick

More than 200 Congressmen attended the event, in honor of civil rights legislation by the 85th Congress.

"To defend freedom, but not to have it, is a fraudulent gesture," Klutznick declared. "To reach the moon through science, but keep peoples enslaved, is a fool's errand which fools no one but ourselves."

Receiving the award for the House: Republican Kenneth Keating and Democrat Emanuel Celler of New York. For the Senate: Republican William Knowland, California, and Democrat Hubert Humphrey, Minnesota.

Haifa-Carmel Subway Nearing Completion

HAIFA (NJP)—A subway tunnel more than a mile long from this city to Mt. Carmel has been completed. Work on the tunnel was begun this year. City officials hope that the subway will begin operation by the end of the year.

Israeli-Rumanians Ask UN Help for Relatives

TEL AVIV (NJP) — Several hundred Rumanian Jews have addressed petitions to the United Nations in New York pleading for help to enable members of their families, marooned by migration laws in Rumania, to join them here.

AGUDATH RABBI HITS BUTCHERS

NEW YORK (NJP) — Rabbi Morris Sherer, executive vice-president of Agudath Israel, called for New York's Jewish leaders to declare a meatless month to "punish" the kosher butchers association for their "despicable attitude" in opposing the position of the vast majority of New York Jewry. He called the butchers "traitorous to the interests of religious Jewry—the very people who gave them their business."

THE NEWS HOPPER

German Jewish Leader Goes on Radio To Protest Nazi Restitution Slashes

DR. HEINZ GALINSKI, head of the Berlin Jewish community, protested via radio this week what he called a continuing propaganda to slice the restitution payment program for victims of Nazism, as Karl Marx, editor and publisher of the Juedische All-Germany in Bonn sounded a warning of the growing danger of a revival of anti-Semitism in Germany.

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RUSSIA HAS intensified its anti-Israel campaign. . . . American sponsorship of a "pilot disarmament program" in the Middle East was proposed this week at a meeting of the American Committee for Israel's 10th anniversary celebration. . . . Israeli Premier Ben-Gurion, meanwhile, expressed his skepticism about the peace aims of the new Arab merged states. . . . Israel never asked Britain to guarantee her borders, declared Moshe Leshem, Israel foreign ministry spokesman, this week. At the same time, Secretary of State Dulles reportedly told Arab delegates this week that he does not favor Israel territorial cuts. . . . The new Israel budget will be boosted by $11 million this year because of increased immigration expenses. . . The current business recession may bring a "sharp increase" in discrimination and group tension, Governor Averell Harriman of New York warned this week.

Ben-Gurion

Hitler? Who's He?

HITLER'S REFUSAL to listen to German President Paul von Hindenberg's plea for mercy on German Jews was revealed in a volume of captured documents just published. . . . More than 200 Yiddish writers met this week in New York to honor Israeli ambassador Abba Eban at a dinner given by the Yiddish Writters Union. . . . Poland has arrested Napoleon Piasecki, a former Nazi collaborator, who is charged with killing a number of Polish Jews during the Nazi occupation. . . . The liquidation of all Jewish communists who left Palestine for Russia in the 1920's was reported this week. . . . The role of Hebrew as a spiritual link between Israel and Jewish communities throughout the rest of the world was outlined last week by Eban and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, at a dinner sponsored by Herzliah Hebrew Teachers' Institute of New York. . . . Jews were elected governors in last week's Argentine elections for the first time in the history of the republic. . . . One thousand Israeli Arab farmers have been given a grant of more than $275,000 by the Israeli government.

Eban

SEN. JACOB K. JAVITS (R, N. Y.) has asked a Senate investigation of Arab boycott tactics against American Jews. . . . Nazi victims eligible to receive indemnification under the West German federal compensation law have been urged by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany to forward their claims to the German compensation agencies by March 31. The World Jewish Congress urges all owners of movable property confiscated in Holland by the Nazis in World War II to register claims at once with the Stichting Jokos, 143 Keizeragracht, Amsterdam. . . . Yeshiva University this week established a lending library of Jewish education books and materials. . . . The reorganized Confederation of General Zionists will meet March 9-10 in London, England. . . . Vienna Jews are seeking the ban on the Hungarian anti-Semitic paper Cel. . . . Six Hungarian refugees were hailed before a Canadian court for calling a waiter a "dirty Jew." . . . Jewish youth week March 14-21 will be tied in with the observance of Israel's 10th anniversary. . . . A free round trip to Israel for two will be awarded first prize winner in Barton's 1958 Passover "Creative Writing Contest." . . . American ORT federation has opened Casablanca's first school for Jewish deaf-mute children.

Javits

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RETIRED AMERICANS will be able to settle in Israel under a new plan of Mishan, the mutual aid fund of Histadrut. . . . The culture commission of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit is sponsoring a nationwide contest for television scripts on Jewish holidays and other Jewish themes. . . . DR. LEO PERLMAN, New York financier, helped Yeshiva University launch a collection of Einstein papers by donating an early Einstein manuscript.

OBITUARIES

Rabbi P. Rosenberg Dies at 87

CLEVELAND, O (NJP)—**RABBI PHILLLIP ROSENBERG,** Talmudic scholar and dean of this city's Orthodox rabbinate, died last week. He was 87.

He had been spiritual leader of Knesseth Israel Congregation since 1924.

Mrs. Lillian Goldsmith

LOS ANGELES (NJP)—**MRS. LILLIAN BURKHART GOLDSMITH,** an honorary president of the National Council of Jewish Women and a founder of the El Nido home for underprivileged children, died last week at the age of 87. She had been an honorary commissioner of the Girl Scouts and a founder-member of the Philanthropy and Civics club.

Samuel Ismach

CLEVELAND, O. (NJP)—**SAMUEL ISMACH,** a leader in Cleveland's religious Zionist and Jewish educational circles for more than four decades, died last week at Mt. Sinai Hospital here.

Mr. Ismach, 65 a tireless worker for Israel, had been president of the Jewish National fund for 17 years. He had been president of the Histadrut Ivrit here for 15 years.

Sabbath Has Kept Jew From 'Cracking Up,' Declares Educator

By LEONARD LEADER

LOS ANGELES (NJP)—Jews would have "cracked up," declared Dr. Shlomo Bardin, if not for the "extraordinary institution of Sabbath."

The Brandeis Camp director made the statement in his discussion of a year's work of the 2,200-acre Santa Susana ranch which houses the Jewish training center.

"IT SEEMS to me," he said, "that our people would have cracked up, would have succumbed, if they had not introduced an extraordinary institution by which man is capable of lifting himself up every seventh day, enter into a different realm, and for 24 hours remove physically and mentally his worries, his problems, his pressures, his troubles, his pains and his sufferings. This was our Jewish Sabbath."

Bardin dramatized his point by noting that many had died under present day pressures.

"I SAY THAT in my judgement we will not survive our modern pressures, which seem to be a greater killer than any of the past, unless we introduce the Sabbath into our lives once again."

Modern day materialism which emphasizes the purchase of the Cadillac was attacked with the admonition that the Sabbath "becomes holy, holy for the family, holy for my friends, holy for the greater glory of nature, holy for learning, for studying, for praying."

Bardin also called for greater stress and experimentation on man's need for prayer.

"MAN," HE SAID, "needs praying. Not God needs the prayers. Most of us have forgotten how to pray, or never did learn."

Since 1941 some 5,000 young collegians have gone through the four-week Judaism institute located one hour's driving time from Los Angeles.

'Friend' of Jews

Krupp Says He'd Fight New Hitler

SYDNEY, Australia (NJP)—German industrialist Alfred Krupp told newsmen here that he would "fight" if another Hitler arose in Germany and that he was trading with Israel through the West German reparations pact. He told reporters some of his best friends were Jews.

His visit here has evoked strong protests from Jewish and non-Jewish groups.

Krupp denied he had backed Hitler and declared that slave labor had been "forced" upon his firm. He was convicted as a war criminal for employing slave labor and was later pardoned.

What's on the Air

RADIO

Sunday, March 9, 9:30 a. m., EST —Rabbi A. Alexander Steinbach of Temple Ahavath Sholom, Brooklyn, N. Y., and president of the New York board of rabbis, to speak on "The Modern Meaning of Purim" on Church of the Air program, CBS.

Sunday, March 9, 10:05 a. m., EST —Dr. Ellis Rivkin, professor of Jewish history, HUC-JIR, Cincinnati, O., to speak on Message of Israel program, ABN.

Sunday, March 9, 12:30 p. m. EST —"Tree at My Window," the poignant tale of a young orphan boy who goes to Israel from the concentration camps of Europe after World War II and finds he is wanted for the first time in his life, by Marc Siegel, on Eternal Light program, NBC.

HATIKVA HITS ISRAELIS

HAIFA — Surprised observers jumped to attention when the orchestra on board the luxury liner SS Britannic marked the end of a recent 2½-day visit by playing Hatikva.

NEW SILO APPROVED

HAIFA—Israel's ministry of transport has approved the construction of a second storage silo by the Dagon Silo Co. here.

Jewish Agency Changes Its Name

The Jewish Agency for Palestine has changed its name to Jewish Agency for Israel, it was announced today by Mrs. Rose L. Halperin, acting chairman of the New York executive of the agency. The Jewish agency, major beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal, is the central philanthropic organization responsible for the immigration, absorption and agricultural settlement of new immigrants in Israel. In addition, its world-wide educational and youth programs serve as a link between Jewish communities in the Diaspora and the people of Israel.

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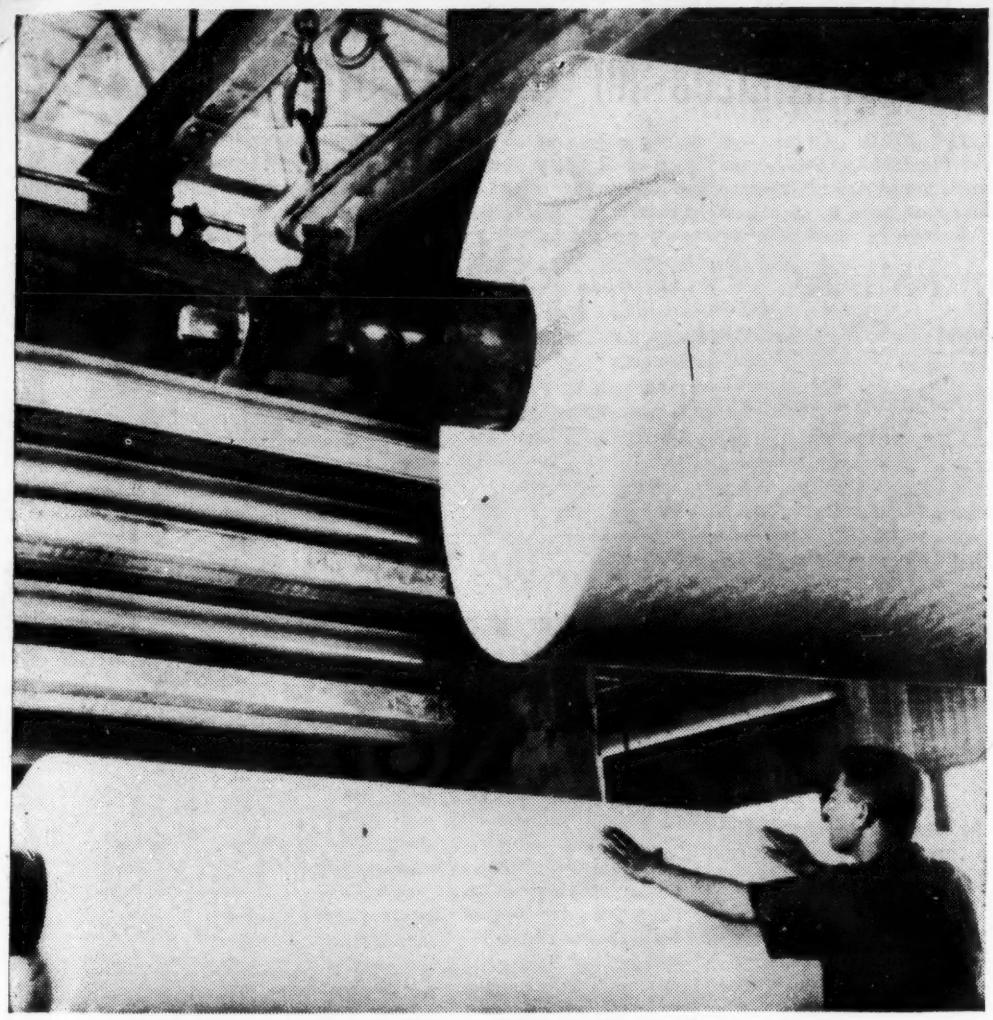

Paper For the Needs of Israel

Another roll of finished paper comes off the paper machine at American Israeli Paper Mills Ltd., Hadera, Israel. The Middle East's first major paper mill, which is currently undergoing a $10 million expansion program, provides Israel with paper for newsprint, bond paper, kraft and sulphite papers and book paper. The expansion program, which includes construction of a new pulp mill and installation of a second paper machine, will double annual production to 37,000 tons, equal to 75 per cent of Israel's total present annual paper consumption. The program will be completed in 1959.

Munich Chief Rabbi:

GERMANS ARE 'CONVERTING' TO JUDAISM IN 'DROVES'

TEL AVIV (NJP)—**GERMANS ARE** converting to Judaism "in droves," Rabbi A. Krauss, chief rabbi of Munich, Germany, told pressmen here.

The German rabbinate, he declared, has been somewhat "disheveled" by the development.

Rabbi Krauss revealed that at least once monthly he is invited to talk on Judaism on the West German radio network and after each talk he is "flooded" by hundreds of letters from German Christians asking for information on the Jewish religion.

In some places, he added, groups of German youths have undertaken to repair old Jewish cemeteries and to make precious historic monuments of them.

The rabbi nevertheless pointed out that Nazism and anti-Semitism are far from being rooted out from Germany.

Brazilian Chief Hits Rejection of Refugees

NEW YORK (NJP)—Nations that close their doors to needy refugees came under pointed criticism from Brazilian President Jusclino Kubitschek this week.

Speaking at the 74th meeting of the United HIAS Service, Kubitschek pledged his country to maintaining its open-door policy. The Brazilian president was honored by the organization for his "exemplary leadership" in providing a haven for refugees.

Anti-Semites' Straw Man

Israel Cohen, 'Well-Known' Red, Is 'Phantom Bogie'

NEW YORK (NJP)—**JEWISH DEFENSE** groups are searching earnestly for a "well-known" Anglo-Jewish Communist, Israel Cohen. Though his writings have been quoted in newspapers all over the United States and even in the Congressional Record, they are yet to be found in any of the world's great libraries.

Trouble is, he never existed.

The bulletin of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reports that the Israel Cohen fabrication first appeared, full-blown, in the pages of a less-than-three-year-old anti-Semitic racist monthly, "The Virginian," published in Newport News.

Under the heading "Quotes from the Communist press," appeared the statement: "We must realize that our party's most powerful weapon is racial tension . . . While inflaming the Negro minority against the whites, we will endeavor to instill in the whites a guilt complex for the exploitation of the Negroes."

THE STATEMENT went on to promote intermarriage between whites and Negroes to begin "a process which will deliver America to our cause."

The alleged source of the statement is given as ". . . from a Racial Program for the Twentieth Century by Israel Cohen, English Communist (1912)."

The hoax found its way to the Congressional Record when Congressman Thomas Abernathy of Mississippi quoted from it in the course of debate over civil rights legislation on June 6, 1957.

Then hatemonger Gerald L. K. Smith picked it up. Speaking in Pasadena, Tex., long-time bigot Kenneth Goff gave a detailed description of the Israel Cohen master plan as a warning of what the Jews were up to. Myron Fagan, in January, 1958, appeared at a Los Angeles city council hearing on a proposed fair employment practices ordinance, repeated the Israel Cohen fabrication and announced that he was quoting from the Congressional Record.

THE WHITE Citizens councils have made ample use of the hoax, too.

How does the Anti-Defamation League know that the story is a hoax?

ISRAEL COHEN
. . . Where Is He?

Herman Edelberg, ADL Washington representative, investigated the story and found:

√ **THERE IS** no record of a Communist leader, philosopher, or pamphleteer by the name of Israel Cohen, in England or anywhere else in the world.

√ **NO BOOK** or pamphlet of the title "A Racial Program for the Twentieth Century," is known to the Library of Congress, the British Museum, or the National Union catalogue, which summarizes the holdings of 800 libraries in the United States.

√ **EXECUTIVE** and Congressional agencies concerned with combatting communism have no record of Israel Cohen.

√ **THE TERM** "Communist Party" was not used in 1912. It was first used after the Russian revolution in 1917.

Paper 'Invesigating'

Asked about the source of its story, the Virginian, which first printed the Israel Cohen hoax, replied that the space for the quotation was paid for by an individual it considered reliable. It said it was "investigating" the accuracy of the story.

Meanwhile, the anti-Semitic hoax goes on in newspapers and on television and radio stations throughout the nation.

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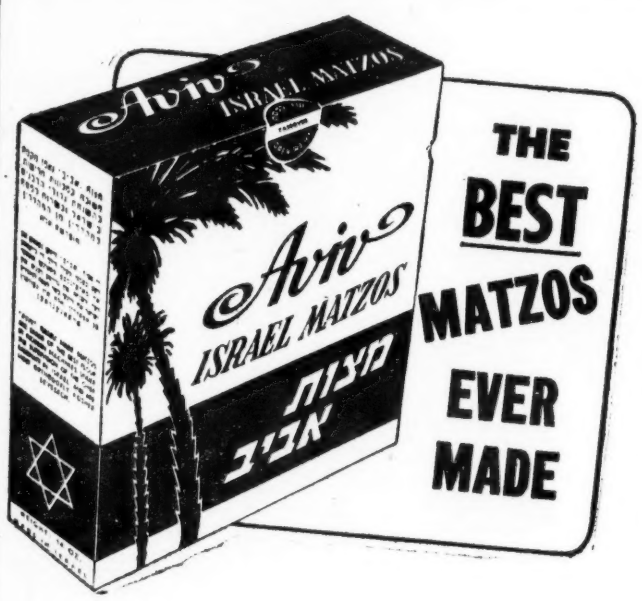

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THE MATZO is reputed to compare favorably in price and packaging to locally made matzo. The Dannenberg family, matzo bakers for four generations, claim that secret flour blends make the Aviv matzo unsurpassable in taste and keep them crisp even in humid weather. The matzo will sell for the same price as leading brands, comes in 14-oz. boxes, and is wax paper wrapped in 5 box packages.

ISRAEL MATZO will be available in chain grocer and department stores in major U. S. cities, for the first time, as well as in many surrounding areas. The matzos are being distributed in the U. S. and Canada by the Roseta Trading So., of New York and Montreal, headed by Mr. W. Rosenblatt of Montreal. Mr. Rosenblatt, who has made numerous trips to Israel, is planning to import many related products from Israel for distribution in American and Canadian markets.

Hand-Made Israeli Shoes Go Over Here

ISRAEL HAS successfully crashed the American imported shoe market, making its debut at Gimbles in New Rork. Thousands of pairs of handmade "Neimim" shoes made in Tel Aviv were sold in the initial stages of the new venture by the Jacksonbear Trading Company in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The shoes, made of soft calfskin by 60 artisans coming from European countries, come in all sizes and widths. Though the styling smacks similar to the Italian and English imported shoe the Israeli shoe contributes its own unique patterns fraught with modern lines and conservative features.

NUMEROUS SHOE stores are taking on the Israeli line as their "imported handmade line" with two stores using Israel Neimim shoes exclusively.

The Jacksonbear Company. is arranging for distribution in the major cities in the United States and holding exhibitions at synagogues and community center functions to introduce the Israel quality shoe to American shoes.

ISRAELI GIFTWARE BIG HIT IN NY

ISRAELI ART objects of ceramic and metal, distributed here by Israel Creations Inc., made a fine showing at the recent Giftware show at the Hotel New Yorker. The unusual handling of materials—the clay of the Negev as well as the brass—has created many forms of beauty, antique yet modern in design.

A wealth of objects; ashtrays with wooden handles, ornamental plates, fruit bowls, cigarette bores, Passover plates and menoras, were all received in good taste, everyone a conversation piece. A happy melting of revived tradition and modern feeling. The ceramics are produced by the Beersheba Ceramic Co., the metalware by Dayabi Bros., Oppenheim, Palbell, Ltd., and others.

PEC STOCK ISSUE TOLD

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RABBI WHITE SLAMS BROTHERHOOD WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO (NJP)—**RABBI SAUL E. WHITE** of Temple Shalom here—a syndicated columnist—added his criticism of brotherhood week observances to those of two prominent rabbis (NJP, Feb. 21).

In his commentary on the portion of the week, Rabbi White declared that the brotherhood week message was going to Jews instead of Christians. "But who needs this kind of instruction, the lion or the lamb?" he asked.

Rabbi White quoted the Christian Century, "the most influential Protestant weekly," as saying that "those who were interested in this type of program were Jews—that the Catholics did not care for it and that at best Protestants were willing to go along with the financing mostly provided by Jews."

THE RABBI added that the movement had suffered a further set-back because it failed "to include in its pronouncements a strong stand on behalf of the brotherhood of the races and colors." The real issue of brotherhood, he declared, is being "tested in the field of race relations, and on issues of the right to work, study and to rent and buy property, and not with quotations from the Bible, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Washington."

Declaring that he takes "no delight in the observance of brotherhood week, Rabbi White said that "there exists in our country more genuine, real and creative brotherhood among religious groups than is dreamed of by the promoters of 'brotherhood.' "

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BROTHERHOOD "UNFULFILLED'

NEW YORK (NJP)—"The spirit of brotherhood" is still unfulfilled in many areas of American life, declared Rabbi Zev Zahavy of Congregation Zichron Ephraim in New York.

The rabbi told his congregation that "racial and religious discrimination still exists in many areas of the United States, not in an official sense, but in the more insidious character of private and social restrictions."

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Most Southern White Citizens Councils Are Anti-Semitic, Minister Tells NCCJ Meeting

By DRAKE MABRY

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (NJP)—**MOST SOUTHERN** White Citizens' Councils are anti-Semitic as well as anti-Negro, a national officer for the National Conference of Christians and Jews said here this week.

Dr. Gordon Lovejoy of Greensboro, N. C., addressing a meeting of the local chapter of National Conference of Christians and Jews co-sponsored by the United Packinghouse Workers, said:

"THE FEELING of anti-Semitism in the South goes hand in hand with the anti-Negro feeling."

He claimed there are similar feelings in the North.

Dr. Lovejoy said the literature peddled by White Citizen Council groups ("much of it printed in Union, N. J.") stems as much from an anti-Semitic feeling as an anti-Negro feeling.

"IT IS ERRONEOUS to think problems of race can be separated from other human relations problems," he said.

"People outside the South need to realize that poor human relations, wherever they exist, undercut us in terms of international prestige.

"Russia doesn't need to distort," he added. "All they need to do is report some of our failures in human relations."

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Citizens Councils Do Klan's Work, Forster Says

DENVER, Colo. (NJP)—The "respectable" White Citizens Councils have taken over the "unrespectable" Ku Klux Klan's mission of spreading anti-Semitism, declared Arnold Forster, general counsel of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, at a local ADL meeting here.

Forster said that concern of Southern Jews over their position was "exaggerated" but understandable.

Declaring that the Ku Klux Klan has lost respectability and support in the South, he urged uncompromising opposition to anti-Semitic propaganda being spread by White Citizens Councils.

3,000 WILL DANCE

TEL AVIV — Two hundred troupes—some 3,000 dancers—will participate in a Dalia dance festival here in July.

Rabbi Ousted Over Mehitza Leads New Congregation

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (NJP)—**A DISPUTE** over mixed seating which led to a court suit (NJP, Nov. 15) has split membership in Wisconsin's largest Orthodox synagogue, Beth Israel. Rabbi Harold Baumrind, who was ousted by a vote of 150 to 81 after 18 years of service, has been named rabbi of a new synagogue by a dissident faction.

The new congregation will be known as Anshe Emeth, and the members have acquired a site and hired an architect to design a synagogue in contemporary style. The estimated cost is $100,000.

The new synagogue will be Orthodox, Rabbi Baumrind said, but its services will be modified somewhat to include more English. No mixed seating will be permitted. The new site is on the outskirts of Milwaukee, and it apparently will require some members of the congregation to ride to and from services instead of walking.

RABBI BAUMRIND said that 75 families had joined the new congregation to date, about half of them former members of Beth Israel. Some additional followers of the rabbi are expected to leave the old congregation for the new when the building is completed.

Officers of the new congregation are George Glicksman, president; Myron Marks, vice-president; Ben Kalb, treasurer; Nathan A. Pachefsky, financial secretary, and Lowell Goldman, secretary.

All of the officers except Goldman had been involved in a court suit against Beth Israel's board of directors, charging that the directors were trying to force the rabbi to depart from Orthodoxy in order to retain his position.

The court ordered a vote of the congregation, which sided with the directors and against the rabbi. A new rabbi has not yet been selected by Beth Israel, which is expected to approve mixed seating and possibly some other changes to liberalize services. Beth Israel itself has purchased a new site in a northern suburb for a future building. It had more than 400 families before the seating dispute.

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Purim Salute 'Graceless, Undignified, Low'

By JOSEPH GALE

The other night we were invited to Town Hall, in New York, to attend a 10th anniversary Purim Salute to Israel, presented by the State of Israel Bonds organization. The program later was to be repeated several times elsewhere for the benefit of other bond purchasers throughout the five boroughs of New York City.

Gale

Presumably they knew more about the event than did this reviewer, who received no advance information, and is hardly more enlightened today than he was there. No printed programs were handed out in the theater, and the "usherettes," apparently drawn for the occasion from among the "mishpocha," were more confused than the customers. We found our way to what we believed to be our seats, which turned out to be the worst in the house and squarely in front of a continuous draft.

Of course we should have been tipped off, as we approached Town Hall, at the al fresco spectacle of four brazen-lunged young men at each corner of an Israel flag bellowing for "Purim gelt for Israel!"

THE WHOLE affair was like that—graceless, undignified and low. The favorite pastime of Jewish audiences — crowding the aisles—was still being vigorously pursued when the program began and six elderly members of a Jewish War Veterans honor guard strode directly into them. The customers and performers got all tangled up. The vets were handling their flags and rifles like amateurs, anyway.

There were other indignities visited upon an audience that appeared to be insensible to them, and outrages upon artists who tried visibly to rise above them. George Jessel was miscast, for once, as the master of ceremonies. He spread the evening with a miasma of tasteless comments and a few extremely tactless jokes, and in an apparent attempt to achieve camaraderie overshot the mark and simply acted foolish.

WE STAYED to watch the Oranim, a group of si xyoung Israeli dances and singers who were colorful and entertaining; Joseph Yadin, the Israeli actor who read his country's Declaration of Independence; an Israel Army general who spoke earnestly but had little to say, and Daniel Barenboim, the 15-year-old Israeli pianist who has scored a good impression in his concert tour of this country.

Up to this point, the mechanics of the production had been so badly handled. and were so crude and unskilled, that we saw no reason for remaining as a professional viewer. So we left.

Guttman Reveals Unformed Talents

YEHUDA GUTTMAN, an Israeli pianist studying in this country, gave a recital in Carnegie Hall recently and revealed a quality of unformed talents.

He played a difficult showpiece program — Beethoven, Chopin, Brahms, Liszt, among others--with rather good technical equipment and expressive dynamics, but none were really under command. The tall, bearded youth rarely got beneath the skin of what he was playing, and because of this, all seemed to be sand and surface. The portions of the music were deeply felt was unquestionable, but his training, admirable though it is, led him to pound through some of the numbers and to misinterpret others.

GUTTMAN plays very fast, and is note-perfect. But he appears to play by rote rather than reason. He is today more the virtuoso type of pianist than anything else, with the steel fingers and suppleness of an early Horowitz, yet without the snap and electricity of one.

He needs to be separated from his teacher for a while, we feel, while continuing to study further —without instruction, that is. Guttman has all the makings of a superlative pianist. All he needs to do is abandon a rather schoolmasterish approach to the instrument, cast about for himself, and wait.

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Israel's Problems Not Just Jewish Ones: Hadassah Leader

Atlanta, Ga. (NJP) — **"THE WESTERN** world is too inclined to think of Israel's problems as merely Jewish problems," a national officer of Hadassah told the Southeastern Regional meeting of the organization here.

"Actually, Israel is more than that. She is the only strong pro-Western nation in the Middle East. Her success or failure should be of vital concern to the entire Western world," said Mrs. Moses P. Epstein.

Mrs. Epstein, past president of Hadassah and now editor of the Zionist organization's Newsletter, pointed out that Israel's success in the past 10 years is gradually pulling other Middle Eastern countries towards the West.

"DESPITE THEIR hatred of foreigners," she said, "the Arabs have seen what pro-Western Israel has done. They can't help but be impressed and want to do likewise."

Mrs. Epstein noted that the biggest problem in Israel is the integration of her 2,000,000 inhabitants. Half of them, she explained, have European backgrounds with high cultural standards; the other half are Orientals whose culture is still in the 12th Century.

She added that Hadassah's 300,000 members raise nearly $10,000,000 each year for medical care and rehabilitation in Israel. Its latest effort is in behalf of a medical center just outside Jerusalem—a fixture which contains a 500-bed hospital, a medical school, a nurse-training school and a housing development.

Week-End Retreats at Camp Are Fun, Religious Training

DAYTON, O. (NJP)—One answer to the problem of how to incorporate more time for religious education into a child's life has been found by Temple Israel here.

Under the guidance of Rabbi Selwyn D. Ruslander, weekend retreats for the upper grades of this Reform religious school are held at Glen Helen camp, operated by the adult education division of Antioch College at Yellow Springs, O.

"ALTHOUGH THE camp technique in religious education is not new," Rabbi Ruslander stated, "the use of weekend time in a controlled environment as an integral part of the normal religious education program is to the best of our knowledge, quite novel."

The retreat is staffed by Temple Israel regular religious school teachers and members of the educational staff of Antioch College. The teachers also act as counselors, which gives them an unusual opportunity to understand their students. Antioch College supplies naturalists and outdoor recreation experts to instruct the children.

The children leave the temple by bus after school Friday, according to Rabbi Morton M. Kanter, director of the religious school. That evening they join in a Sabbath eve meal at the camp and plan and deliver their own late Friday evening service.

THE BOYS and girls conduct a Saturday Sabbath morning service. This is followed by an informal discussion led by one of their teachers, attempting to relate the regular religious school curriculum to their experiences at the camp.

For example, seventh graders study the text "How the Jewish People Live Today," by Mordecai Soloff. It deals in part with the experiences of the first Jews who came to the United States. The camp discussion asks the children to imagine that they, too, are Jewish pioneers coming to the Northwest territory.

The teacher further asks, "How would the conditions you experience in the new world be different than the ghetto conditions of the old?" Seventh graders are better able to understand their own history studies in surroundings similar to those described in the textbook.

"ALTHOUGH THIS technique is purely experimental," Rabbi Ruslander added, "and the results will await the combined evaluation of the staff provided by Antioch College and Temple Israel, the enthusiasm of the youngsters who have already participated, is one of the most thrilling by-products."

'Released Time' for Working Man Asked

NEW YORK (NJP)—The Rabbinical Alliance of America is seeking to introduce a "released hour" for labor so that the working man may have at least one hour of Jewish instruction per week, Rabbi Bernard Weinberger, executive vice-president of the alliance, told a conference of the group.

The "released hour," he declared, will represent a gain to management, not a loss, because the proposed program is "in consonance with the prevailing theory that an hour of leisure enhances the productive power of the laborer."

Christian Students Hit Princeton Bias

PRINCETON, N. J. (NJP)—The Student Christian association of Princeton University this week condemned discrimination in this campus' eating clubs (NJP, Feb. 21, 28).

Calling on students to repudiate racial and religious discrimination and quotas, the association declared "We consider racial and religious discrimination to be antithetical to the spirit of Christianity."

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Eddie Cantor's Birthday Wish: Remember Role in Polio Fight

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (NJP)—**EDDIE CANTOR,** who has just turned 66, was spurred into making a birthday wish that has nothing to do with his decades as a comic.

Cantor

Nor does it touch on an activity very dear to his heart—serving as a national chairman of the Bonds for Israel campaign. Asked how he'd like to be remembered, he put it simply:

"I want people to remember me as having made a contribution to the Salk anti-polio vaccine."

IT WILL likely be only one of the many ways that Eddie will someday be recalled. He has helped raise from $8 to $10 million for the "March of Dimes."

"And another thing," he said explaining his activity despite a heart condition. "If I'm going to go, I'm going to go in harness, not in my sleep."

What does a man of Eddie's stature do at 66?

Well, one thing he DOESN'T do is quit. He has plans.

RIGHT NOW, he's in the midst of another of his personal-appearance marathons in behalf of the Bonds campaign. He is to appear in San Diego, Cal., Feb. 11 (he was in Phoenix Feb. 9) as part of an 18 or 20-city tour.

"Last February in Miami," said Eddie in an exclusive interview, "I promised that I'd raise $50 million in bonds by the end of 1958. We've raised close to $20 million so far."

About $985,000 of that figure was contributed through Jack Benny's concert in Canada recently, Cantor said.

AS THOUGH this were not enough activity for a man who suffered a heart condition (he said his doctor recently gave him a clean bill of health: "I walk two miles a day and keep my weight down"), Cantor said, "I definitely want to go to Israel in June."

His interest in the nation is at a high pitch: He has even made films to be used in cities where he can't appear at Bond rallies ("I throw myself into it so much emotionally").

Cantor, asked what the man-in-the-street can do in support of Israel, put it simply:

"THE AVERAGE man must make up his mind as to who are the friends of America in that part of the world (the Near East). If this is to be a great Christian nation, we must ask ouselves what would Christ do in such a situation?"

Some people, he shot a barb, believe that the U. S. Constitution promises "liberty and justice for oil."

"We cannot trade barrels of oil for the blood of human beings," he went on. "If Ike were to get well, he would fight for Israel. Ike is a great man with a big heart and a great mind but they're not telling him the truth about Israel."

By "they," Cantor apparently referred to his advisers.

The comic isn't the only member of his family giving time to Israel's needs.

Asked about one of his five daughters, Marilyn, who had struck out on a career in show business, Cantor said:

"Marilyn is very talented but she pleased me tremendously by giving this up (her career) to travel and make speeches for Bonds for Israel."

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SATMERE HASIDIM REVERSE STAND, PLAN ISRAEL COLONY

By RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

The Arabs are not the only ones who refuse to recognize Israel. Within extreme Orthodoxy there is also a segment which frowns on Zionism (because it seems like a sacrilegious hastening of the Messiah). Most notorious holdout against Zionism is the well-publicized tiny band of fanatics know as the Neturai Karta ("Guardians of the Wall").

Rabbi Silver

NOT SO WELL known is the fact that more reputable Orthodox elements have been anti-Zionist, notably several Hasidic groups. The Satmarer hasidim, for example, have been the "American Council" of Orthodoxy; among them the term Zionist has been an insult.

The Satmarer rebbe, Joel Teitelbaum, whose stronghold is Williamsburg, Brooklyn, was widely charged with urging Israelis to abstain from voting in elections.

BECAUSE OF this background the Orthodox world was rocked recently when reports began to blossom to the effect that the Satmarer group was planning to build a colony in Israel (to be named Joeltown, after their rebbe) and had asked the government of Israel for a loan of several hundred thousand pounds.

"Accused" of this astonishing rapprochement with Israeli government, the Satmarers have not issued any denials, so the Forward's A. B. Shurin regards it as the truth.

Jewish Students Rarely Delinquents

LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, Yiddish writers reacted sharply to the Brooklyn school disorders which reached one of many climaxes in the suicide of the Jewish school principal, George Goldfarb ,who was caught between the terror of his children on the one hand and the terror of a grand jury on the other.

A Kempfer editorial justifies the mass suspension of unruly children, but the Day-Journal's B. Z. Goldberg takes the position that dismissed children will get into more trouble. Goldberg points out that so-called "reform" or "rehabilitation" schools are merely places where a youngster hobnobs with other delinquents and intensifies his interest in and knowledge of crime. The Kempfer takes little comfort from the assurances that the delinquents number but a minority of the school population. Tell that to a terrorized teacher, says the editor.

Goldberg maintains that the law compelling children to go to school until they're 16 overlooks the fact that some kids just don't have a flair for schooling; the writer thinks that many teenagers would be just as well off working. A final warning, concludes the Kempfer statement: Jewish parents are reminded that children with a fine Jewish education rarely get into trouble. The ratio between youngsters who go to good Jewish schools and those who go delinquent is almost zero!

Israel's Top Hebrew Torch Singer 'Jewish As Mt. Zion' – But She's Really a Christian

By LEO HEIMAN

HAIFA (NJP)—"Don't try to fool me. I can tell the difference between a Jewish girl and a shiksa, and you are as Jewish as Mount Zion Synagogue."

ISRAEL'S TOP Hebrew torch-singer, Dina Canarit, dubbed as the "Jewish nightingale from Tel Aviv," hears this from Israelis frequently. No one believes she's not Jewish, not a sabra, but a Yugoslav Christian.

She's even been asked to help sponsor an organization in Israel against Christian missionaries there. She quietly refused.

A young star of the Yugoslav national opera in Belgrade, Dina (her Slav name was Danuta) fell in love with a Jewish boy and followed him to Israel, where she joined the Hebrew National Opera.

WHEN THE Tel Aviv opera went out of business because of a boycott by Israeli newspaper critics, Dina went to work for Kol Yisrael broadcasting service.

Her success as a Hebrew popular singer was so great that Israel's propaganda authorities sent her for a five-month tour of Western Europe to popularize Israel during the Sinai campaign in 1956.

CHRISTIAN DINA "epitomized the ebullient Jewish spirit of fighting Israel" (in the words of newspaper critics abroad who mistook her for a sabra) and made a small fortune from her Israeli song shows over the Danish, Swiss, German, Italian, Dutch and Belgian radio and television.

To exploit her vibrant voice, Israel propaganda authorities are sending her during the 1958 10th anniversary of independence festival to France, Sweden and Britain, where she was already billed as "The Jewish Nightingale from Tel Aviv," "The Sabra Singer from Israel," and "The Hebrew Yma Sumac."

WHAT WORRIES Dina's agents more than anything else is that she goes to church every Sunday, even though she admits smilingly that sometimes she prays in Hebrew because she's all but forgotten her native Serbian tongue.

Appearing in Haifa at present, Dina Canarit (Canarit means "canary" in Hebrew) draws SRO crowds at the Ramat-Hadar club, Haifa's biggest and most expensive nitery.

Irish Cop Befriended Jews, Even Acted As 'Shammas'

SPRINGFFIELD, Mass. (NJP)—An Irish cop, Patrick J. McCallin, played a prominent role in the lives of early Jewish settlers of Springfield, according to a local dentist who has been compiling a history of Springfield Jews.

Dr. Clifford P. Gottesman, who for over 10 years, has been doing research on the field, is convinced that McCallin is deserving of a noteworthy mention.

"PAT McCALLIN was the cop on the beat around the railroad station for many years and he did a great deal to help the Jewish people in that section of the city," Dr. Gottesman said.

McCallin, according to Dr. Gottesman, could spot a Jewish immigrant family in a moment when they debarked at the railroad depot.

The big Irish cop would take them by the hand and bring them to the home of Henry Glickman, who lived nearby. There they were provided food, clothing and living quarters, having arrived in town with no money, no place to live and no knowledge of the English language.

WHEN THEY struck out on their own, they settled near the Glickman home and started the city's first Jewish colony, one that was patrolled by McCallin for many years.

He was a staunch friend of the early Jews and became probably the only Roman Catholic to ever act as a sexton at a synagogue. He collected tickets at the city's first synagogue at the high holidays and had a regular route every Friday night to turn on the lights for his many Jewish friends.

MAYOR CAN'T FIND COURT

TEL AVIV—Visitors to public buildings here would do best to come prepared for frustration. Mayor Haim Levanon himself spent a half hour last month searching for the city's magistrates court, to which he was called as a witness.

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By N. PEARLROTH

DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: I am a new subscriber to The National Jewish POST and OPINION. Please tell me the origin and meaning of my wife's family name, Spodek. Her people came from Galicia. Thank you.—HENRY EPSTEIN, Brooklyn, New York.

SPODEK is an unusual Jewish family name. It refers to a piece of headgear. The hat consisted of a tall velvet crown, while the brim was made of sable or other expensive fur. The wearer of such a hat was usually a rabbi, a judge (a dayan), a preacher (magid) or some other Jewish clergyman. The headgear was the rule even on weekdays. This is undoubtedly the origin of the family name. The spodek had a peculiar fascination for humorists and folk-lorists. It figures in many Jewish proverbs and locutions.

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DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: I shall eagerly await reply re my mother's maiden name, Yollis or Jolles, from or around Galicia, Austria (which became Poland after World War I). So far as I know there were always rabbis in the family.—MRS. KATIE S. FRIEDMAN, Irvington, New Jersey.

JOLLES is a patronymic, a family name derived from the given name of an ancestor. The patriarch in question bore the Hebrew name of Joel and his descendants, to honor him, took the family name of Joel's. In time, through daily use and also due to the fact that there are no vowels in Hebrew script, the name underwent the modification of Jolles.

I Think As I Please

SEND YOUR RABBI TO ISRRAEL—HE'S EARNED IT, AND NEEDS IT

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA — As everyone knows, this will be a peak tourist year for Israel. There will not be a community in the United States which will not have members in Israel at some time during this 10th anniversary year. They will visit the cities and the villages, tour the countryside, inspect institutions, industry and historical sites—and return home bursting with stories and anecdotes. They will regale their neighbors and friends with full account of their experiences. They will, for the moment, and until other tourists follow, become the community "experts" on Israel.

Alpert

THE LOCAL rabbi will encourage such visits, because contact with the living reality of Israel is bound to increase Jewish consciousness and appreciation of Jewish history and the miracles of Jewish survival. Besides, is not a pilgrimage to Israel one of the "mitzvot" of Jewish life?

Yet for many rabbis, especially in the smaller communities, there will be a touch of gall to the experience. He will send off congregation members with his blessing, and he will be part of their attentive audiences when they return — but he must be content with this second-hand report on Israel. A trip to Israel is not for him.

LET'S SPEAK FRANKLY about it. There are many rabbis ministering to large congregations who can afford the $1,500 or so which such a trip would cost. Yet there are literally hundreds of spiritual leaders, faithfully serving their flocks for years on salaries which do not permit them to join the pilgrims. Israel has special meaning for them; further, they are expected to be familiar with its achievements and its problems. Indeed, they must speak and sermonize on Israel —but an actual visit is not within their reach.

I repeat, conditions and circumstances vary widely, but the responsible leaders of each congregation should look to their own case. The rabbi is liked and respected. He has been with the congregation for a number of years. He has been "rewarded" from time to time with salary increases. He is always on hand when needed. He presides at the joys and the sorrows of each family with that tact and grace which have made him beloved. Yet the true career of a rabbi is like the construction of an iceberg: Seven-eighths of it is unseen by the public at large. He is not one to review the statistics of the many hours he has spent in hospital wards, or seeking to bring hope to a lost soul behind prison bars.

MUCH OF HIS TIME is consumed with visitors to town, be they dignitaries, institutional emissaries, or derelicts who need a hot meal and a $10 bill. The rabbi can not talk about the family scandals or the moral problems which are brought to him for discreet solution.

To the non-Jewish community he is expected to be an ambassador of good will, and among other things, the authority on Israel. Sadly he must confess he has never been there.

The congregation is not aware of the many hours each week which their rabbi must spend in reading and in study. He is expected to be well-informed and up-to-date but knowledge and scholarship do not come without long, hard application. Books are often a major item in his budget.

He, his wife and his children must always be well-dressed; their home must be prepared to receive drop-in company at any moment of the day or night.

FOR ALL THIS, of course, he receives a salary, but this year an opportunity is at hand for congregations to show a bit of extra appreciation to their rabbis. Some have done so already, of course, but for others, perhaps this suggestion will be seriously considered at the very next meeting of the board. Send your rabbi to Israel this summer, in the historic year of Israel's Tenth Anniversary. Consider what you have spent, or are about to spend, on furniture, decorations, or other incidentals for your temple building. The congregation's gift of a trip to Israel for the rabbi, and his wife if you can afford it, can be justified not only in human terms of appreciation for service rendered, but also as an investment which will be amply repaid to the congregation in the years ahead in terms of the ideas and inspiration and information which the rabbi will gather.

Your rabbi is not going to apply for this trip. The initiative should come from the board. Time is getting short.

Milton Berle And The Young Rabbi: A Dialogue

THE PUBLICITY agent was "nudging" the young Orthodox rabbi to get out of the pullman car, but Milton Berle insisted that he stay. And despite the turmoil the rabbi found out what he was curious to know: Do Milton Berle's memories of Hebrew school and his Jewish background play an appreciable role in his life today?

Here is the rabbi's story in his words:

"I got on the train and saw Mr. Berle enter his private pullman. Before I knew it, I was racing down the aisle to his pullman, realizing suddenly that Wilmington was 25 minutes away.

"When I reached the next car, I asked the porter to knock on Mr. Berle's door and say that a young rabbi would like to speak to him. The porter hesitantly knocked and announced my presence to Mr. Berle.

"I was ushered into a pullman room in which were seated five men (including the rabbinic looking gentleman). I was immediately subjected to a barrage of witticisms from Mr. Berle of various shades of color, some of them showing Mr. Berle's distinctive background of Jewish experiences.

'Rebbe' Beat Him Over the Head

"He related how his "rebbe" in Hebrew school used to beat him over the head for misbehavior. He told me that his real name is Berlinger. He attended Hebrew school for six years at Temple Mt. Zion on 118th St in Harlem, where Rabbi B. A. Tintner was spiritual leader. His bar mitzva took place in 1921. To the utter amazement of his writers and agents, he related how his first experience in show business was back at Hebrew school at Mt Zion in 1914, when he performed in a musical play entitled "Yomi Yonson."

MILTON BERLE
. . . From Heder to Broadway

"HE WAS rather frank in his statements concerning his Jewish experiences and background, although most of the time his statements were interspersed with a joke or a witticism, so that one had to separate the kernel from the wheat.

"He seemed perfectly delighted to reminisce about his Jewish past and present. He belongs to the actors' temple, Temple Adath Israel, on 47th St. in Manhattan, says yizkor there regularly, and takes part in activities as much as his time allows.

"At this point his publicity agent was getting impatient and started dropping hints to the effect that they were busily engaged in conferences and that I should have had enough. However, Mr. Berle seemed to be having such a good time delving into his Jewish past that he in effect vetoed his press agent's apparent impatience.

"DID HE feel that his Jewish education helped him in his later life? After indulging himself in an impromptu comical response, which his publicity agent made me scratch out, he continued in a more serious vain, relating how his Jewish education gave him a broad understanding of life.

"At this point, the rabbinic looking gentleman took over the conversation with a most profound exposition on the importance of interfaith activity and understanding on the part of Jews and how Milton Berle lives up to this important Jewish duty.

"He and Mr. Berle then told how the comedian conducted a seder last Pesah in Las Vegas. Present at his seder, among others, were Mr. Berle's mother, Eddie Fisher, Debbie Reynolds, Jan Pierce, Robert Merrill, and also many "goyim." They were overjoyed by the feeling of good will and brotherhood that they generated amongst the "goyim" with this affair, and so was the other gentleman who waxed eloquent with profound statements on the subject of the essence of Jewishness, namely interfaith activity.

Bohur, Not Rabbi

"MR. BERLE introduced him to me as a former rabbi. The subject corrected him by saying that he was merely once a Yeshiva bohur. He is Mr. Berle's writer and author, John Roberts.

"What has Mr. Berle to say to Hebrew school teachers today about Jewish education? Milton Berle was eloquent in his high regard for Jewish education. He believes that "Jewish children should gather as much education of Judaism as they can. A Jew never forgets that he is a Jew. It is most important to prepare oneself to have a good Jewish background."

"At this point, Paul Benson, Manhattan publicity agent, in charge of Mr. Berle's publicity, was finally successful. After receiving permission to publish these remarks in the National Jewish POST and OPINION, we bade each other farewell.

Winchell's Views on Mid-East

By MILTON SHAPIRO

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (NJP)—Frankly, I have no thoughts on how peace can be brought about in the Middle East, Walter Winchell, Broadway columnist and star of his own ABC-TV series, "Winchell File," admitted to The National Jewish POST and OPINION.

Winchell

One must reduce everything to the language one knows best, Winchell said.

"The underworld deals thusly," said he. "When gangsters are in control, no rules apply. Japan was in the White House when Pearl Harbor was attacked without warning. Men in control of dictatorships are gangsters in uniform."

Asked how he might reconcile the interest of the United States in the Middle East, Winchell was quick to reply, 'Business interests will have to decide those things. Perhaps we should ask J. Paul Getty, named by Fortune magazine as the richest man in the world." Getty has oil interests in the Middle East.

THE ARMS RACE cannot be ended, snapped Winchell. How can you count on Russia to keep its pledge or promises when history shows she has broken her pledges. They, Russia, started at the security conference.

"There will be no more declarations of war," concluded Winchell. "We don't go in for the sneak-punch. Whatever happens will come from the other side.'

The attacks on Secretary of State Dulles are unfair, stated Winchell. President Eisenhower is the leader of us all, he declared in Dulles' behalf, that should be sufficient."

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'Remember Me to God'

'TRUTHFUL,' 'BAD' – SISTERHOOD, AUTHOR, CRITIC EXCHANGE VIEWS

By SANDY GOODMAN

MT. VERNON, N. Y. (NJP)—"A very bad interpretation of Jewish life."

"Truthful. Anyone who can sit and tell you he or she hasn't met people like that just won't face reality."

THESE CONFLICTING opinions were voiced recently by women readers of "Remember Me to God," Myron S. Kaufmann's best-selling novel about a social climbing young Jew who tries to cast off his background and assimilate in the Gentile world.

The comments followed an author-meets-the-critic discussion between the 35-year-old Kaufmann and Harold U. Ribalow, critic and journalist, who in a number of reviews has been highly critical of the book's "unfriendly" depiction of Jewish characters.

The discussion, the first meeting between the soft-voiced young author and Ribalow, three years his senior, took place at Sinai Temple, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., in suburban Westchester County. It was sponsored by the temple's sisterhood.

'Stacking the Cards'

RIBALOW ACCUSED Kaufmann of "distorting" his portrayals, and "stacking the cards" against his Jewish characters, all of whom, he charged, are depicted unattractively.

Ribalow

"I am not asking for nice Jews," Ribalow asserted. "I know some are not nice."

"What I'm complaining about is that all Mr. Kaufmann's Jews are not nice."

In defending the novel, his first, which last week held down 10th place on The New York Times' bestseller list, Kaufmann said he was "surprised" that critics had found his characters so unappealing.

THE AUTHOR, who took eight years to write the novel while working as a reporter for the Associated Press, asserted he was "fond of my imaginary people."

"If I wasn't," he added, "I could not have lived with them for so long."

The 640-page books deals with the Amsterdams, a Jewish family living in Boston during the early years of World War II. Adam and Bessie, the father and mother, have risen from poverty. Studying law at night, Adam has become a judge. Both parents are proud of their accomplishments and deeply conscious of both their Jewishness and their Americanism.

'Decent, Respectable'

They have two children. Dorothy, their 16-year-old daughter, is a bright but awkward girl. Richard, the novel's protagonist, is a student at Harvard. He makes every effort to erase his Jewish upbringing and becomes a part of "Yankee" society.

KAUFMANN described the family as "decent and respectable, good-looking, attractive and honest."

"There is no character in the book I dislike," Mr. Kaufmann told his audience. He went on to say that his affinity for the characters extended to them as fictional creations, and not as real people.

In a book review, Mr. Ribalow had described the protagonist as comporting himself "as though he were the biggest 'heel' in contemporary American fiction".

Of his main character, Kaufman said: "If he were flesh and blood I don't think I'd like him. He wouldn't like me and I don't like people who don't like me."

AFTER THE discussion, sisterhood members talked further among themselves about the novel.

Among those critical of the book was one woman who asked that she not be identified.

"I don't see how anyone could agree with Mr. Kaufmann's book or his views," she said.

"I've met a lot of Jews in my day but I've never run into any like Mr. Kaufmann depicts."

Mrs. Edward Popper of 19 Oakland Ave., Mt. Vernon, called the book "a very bad interpretation of Jewish life."

ALSO CRITICAL was Mrs. Pauline Levitan of 185 Hillcrest Ave., Mt. Vernon. "There are people such as the one depicted," she said. But there should have been one Jewish character, even a minor one, to set things straight.

"As it stands," she added, "there isn't one admirable character in the book. He should have one Jewish character who merits respect."

'Truthful Representation'

AMONG THOSE who sided with Kaufmann was Mrs. Roselle Roseman of 1225 Midland Ave., Bronxville, herself a former Bostonian.

"I wouldn't say the characters were any worse than people you meet on the outside," she said. "They were nice people."

"And this is a truthful interpretation of Jewish life. I have heard many a Jew, usually among the more cultured ones, say: 'I'd like to be a Gentile for a little while and see what it's like not to be excluded from a lot of places.' "

"Anyone who can sit and tell you he or she hasn't met people like that just won't face reality," Mrs. Roseman concluded.

Also with Kaufmann was Mrs. Robert Dvoren of 24 Sunset Dr., Yonkers. "I don't feel he paints his characters in an unflattering way," she said. "As individuals, I don't think they're better or worse than our next door neighbors.

"I have great compassion for them. I can feel the problem the mother and father have of transmitting a love of Judaism to their children. Such problems do exist."

"I DON'T think he makes Jews look bad," declared Mrs. Richard Fink of 234 Magnolia Ave., Mt. Vernon.

"I think he makes people look bad."

During the panel discussion Ribalow and Kaufmann disagreed on a number of specific points, chief among them the attractiveness or unattractiveness of several major characterss.

ON THE MAIN character, Ribalow declared: "I can't stand him." In an earlier book review, he had said: "Nothing as distasteful as Richard Amsterdam has come to the public eye since the 'heroes' of Norman Katkov's equally bitter Jewish novels."

While admitting he might not like Richard if he were a flesh-and blood person, Kaufmann expressed surprise that critics had found the character "no good."

"He is confused," Kaufmann asserted, "but integrity he does have."

'Oy Vey' Character

Speaking about Bessie, Richard's mother, Ribalow called her an "Oy Vay character."

Kaufmann countered that his character did not use that expression, but rather simply, "Oy." "I don't find anything embarrassing or objectionable about a woman using that word," he said, objectionable about a woman using that word," he said.

Dorothy, Richard's sister, was termed by Ribalow, "incerdibly termed by Ribalow, "incredibly

In answer, Kaufmann said that "if she were flesh and blood the man would be lucky who married her."

FEARS THAT the book presents Jews in an unfavorable light have not been supported since its publication, Kaufmann said.

He said that from letters and talks with Gentile readers he found that they "identify with the characters."

Ribalow answered that this view was "idealistic."

"We're only a little more than 10 years away from the time when six million Jews were killed," he said.

Jewish Scientists Loom Large In Soviet Science Circles

WASHINGTON (NJP)—**IT IS** probable that Jewish scientists have made major contributions to the Russian development of the Sputnik and Muttnik satellites—and will continue to contribute heavily to other missile-age developments.

That conclusion stems from the latest figures, for Oct. 1, 1955, published in a Soviet handbook called "Cultural Construction In the USSR."

IT HAS BEEN estimated that one in each 70 persons in the Soviet Union is Jewish—but one in each nine Soviet scientists is a Jew, according to the pamphlet's official statistics.

Out of a total of 223,893 Soviet scientific researchers, 24,620 are Jewish.

Of the total, 144,285 are Russian, the remainder stemming from other ethnic groups. The second largest national group in the USSR, the Ukrainians, provided 21,762 of the total—fewer than are Jewish though the Ukrainians outnumber Jews in Russia ten to one.

ACCORDING TO the Soviet handbook, there are more Jewish scientists in Russia than the combined number of those from White Russia, Nzbek, Kazakh, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Lithuania, Moldavia, Latvia, Kirghiz, Tadzhik, Armenia, Turkmenia and Estonia.

But there is some indication that the Soviet government more recently has sought to play down the Jewish contribution.

A Soviet publication called "The Attainments of Soviet Power for 40 Years In Figures," released for the 40th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution last November, used these same figures bul deleted the figures on Jewish scientists.

THERE IS a possibility this omission was an oversight—but more than likely it indicates Soviet Russia did not wish to point up the role of Jewish scientists in Russian affairs.

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WHAT'S DOING IN NEW YORK

COMING EVENTS

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Sunday, March 23. Long Island ZOA mid-winter conference. Congregation Beth Israel, Hempstead, L. I.

VICINITY OF NEW YORK

Sunday-Wednesday, March 16-19. **Sirth annual convention of educators Assembly.** Concord Hotel, Kiamisha Lake, N. Y.

LECTURES AND SYMPOSIUMS

Monday, March 10, 11 a. m. **"Great Women in Jewish History: Jessie Samter-White Fire,"** lecture by Rabbi Herbert Parzen. Theodor Herzl institute, 250 W. 57th St.

Monday, March 10, 8:30 p. m., **"Israel's Undergraduate: Programs and Problems of Israel's University Students,"** lecture by Bernard Cherrick, director general of the board of governors, Hebrew University. Theodor Herzl institute.

Tuesday, March 11, 8:30 p. m. **"The Third Jewish Commonwealth,"** lecture by Cecil Roth, professor of History, Oxford, England. Theodor Herzl institute.

THEATER AND MUSIC

"Father Holds Court," new comedy-drama by Israel Bashevis, presented by the Folksbiene, veteran Yiddisn stage group. Radin Playhouse, 128 Stanton St.

"Sof Haolam," by Shamir, a Hebrew play presented by Habiman Haktana. Saturday and Sunday evenings through April. Tickets at Herzliah Hebrew Teacher's institute, 314 W. 91st St., TR 7-4885. Admission, $1.50-$3.

Saturday, March 15, 8:30 p. m. **"Habonim Annual Concert."** Israel dance groups, choir, orchestra and dramatic performances. High School of Fashion and Industries, 225 W. 24th St. Admission $1.25, 75 cents for students.

ART

Art exhibit: Works of Abram Tromka. Showing includes oil paintings, etchings and drawings on Jewish themes. House of Living Judaism, 383 Fifth Ave., Feb. 1-Mar. 31.

Commemoration Exhibit: Works of Arthur Kaufman, commemorating his 70th birthday. Exhibits will include 31 oil paintings. Feb. 20-March 31. The Jewish museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary, 1109 Fifth Ave., corner 92d St.

National Antique Show: Included in this exhibition are a rare collection of Italian synagogue pieces from the 17th century and coins of Biblical times. March 10-16. Madison Square Garden.

Art Exhibit: Jewish Ceremonial Objects. A selection of Jewish religious and ceremonial objects from the Jewish Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. March 4-28. East River savings bank, Rockerfeller plaza at 50th St.

Art Exhibit: Works of Ben-Zion. An exhibition of watercolors, gouaches and etchings. March 5-29. The Deitsch gallery, 51 E. 73d St.

Where To Find Your National Jewish Organization

Anti-Defamation League of B.B., 515 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y.

Farband Labor Zionist Order, 45 E. 17th St., N Y. 4—OR 3-6500.

Jewish National Fund, 42 East 69th St., New York 21—VA 6-3780.

Kashruth Supervisors Union. 205 W 14th St. — AL 5-7330.

National Community Relations Advisory Council, 55 West 42d St., LO 4-3450.

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WHAT FOODS THESE MORSELS BE

SPRING ON ITS WAY – BUSY BALABOSTA GETS READY FOR PESAH

By SARAH LIEBER

Spring must be on its way, at last. I have been able to buy tiny pink new potatoes, and even fresh asparagus! Both of these vegetables are great favorites of mine, both for their taam, and for their portend of sunny days to come.

Sarah

In these busy weeks before Pesah, the balabosta is busier that at any other time of the year. I urge you to start your preparations as early as possible. This is the time to collect booklets and recipes offered by our advertisers. It's time, too, to make lists and order staple Passover items. Many large department stores and grocers are glad to take your orders well in advance. Some of the household chores may be done ahead of time, too. I mean such things as checking over the inventory of Pesahdige dishes, silver and utensils, so that new ones may be bought where needed. If any of you has special Passover recipes to share with the rest of us, or requests for recipes you would like me to print in this column, please get your cards to me as soon as possible. I plan to devote the columns beginning with next week's to Passover.

Meanwhile, it's a good idea to plan easily prepared meals for the busy days between now and Yomtov.

NEW POTATOES, FRENCH STYLE

2 lbs. new potatoes
¼ cup butter or margarine (use the parve kind for meat meals)
2 tblsps. hot water
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. ground white pepper
¼ cup chopped scallions

PARE THE new potatoes as thinly as possible. Place in a saucepan with butter or margarine, water and salt. Cover and cook very slowly until potatoes are tender, about 40 minutes. Season with pepper. Turn into a serving dish. Sprinkle chopped scallions, tops and all, over the top. Serve hot. Serves six.

HERBED NEW POTATOES WITH FRESH PEAS

2 lbs. new potatoes
½ inch boiling water in saucepan
1¼ tsps. salt
1 lb. (1 cup shelled fresh green peas
½ tsp. ground basil
⅛ tsp. ground black pepper
2 tblsps. butter or margarine
¼ cup light cream
fresh parsley for garnish

PARE THE new potatoes as thinly as possible. Place in a saucepan with boiling water and salt. Cover. Bring to the boiling point and boil 25 minutes or until done. The time will depend on the size of the potatoes. Add peas and basil about five minutes before the cooking time is up. Drain, if necessary. Add pepper, butter and cream. Heat for only a few seconds at low heat. Turn into a serving dish and garnish with fresh parsley. Serve at once. Good with fish. Serves six.

ALL AT ONCE SPAGHETTI

1 tblsp. cooking oil
1 large onion, chopped
½ lb. ground beef
1½ tsps. salt
pepper to taste
2 cans tomato sauce (8 oz each)
1½ cups water
¼ lb. uncooked spaghetti

HEAT THE oil in a saucepan or skillet. Add onion and cook until soft. Crumble in the beef. Stir and fry until the meat loses its red color. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour in tomato sauce and water and bring to the boiling point. Break the spaghetti in half and sprinkle in a little at a time, stirring to keep it separated. Cover tightly and simmer 20 to 30 minutes. Stir once toward the end of the cooking time. Serves three. For a larger family double the amounts.

EASY OVEN STEW

2 lbs. stewing beef, cut into cubes
1 tsp. salt
pepper and paprika to taste
2 tblsps. flour
2 tblsps. oil
1 large onion, sliced
2 cans tomato sauce (8 oz. each)
1 cup water
1 cup sliced celery
4 carrots, cut into rounds
tomato biscuit topping

SPRINKLE THE meat with seasonings and flour. Toss with the oil in a two-quart casserole. Bake, uncovered in a 400-degree oven for 30 minutes until lightly browned. Stir once. Pour in onion slices and tomato sauce mixed with water. Cover tightly and continue baking for one hour at 350 degrees. Add celery and carrots and continue baking until the vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes. Top with biscuits made with tomato sauce for the liquid. Place on top of stew and raise the heat to 425 degrees for 20 minutes. Serves four.

LEFTOVER MEDLEY SALAD

2 cups diced cooked beef or chicken
1 cup diced cooked potatoes
⅓ cup sliced radishes
⅓ cup diced celery
½ cup cubed cooked beets
1 cup raw spinach, cut into pieces
1 small onion, sliced and arranged in rings
¾ tsp. salt
¼ cup french-style dressing

CHILL THE meat and vegetables thoroughly. Combine and toss with salt and dressing. Mayonnaise may be used if preferred. Serve on shredded greens or in lettuce cups. Serves four to six.

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A Word to the Wives

SO MANY of you were interested in the newly imported cheeses from Israel, I know you will be happy to learn that there are other food products now being brought into this country from Israel.

We have always known of the delightful and versatile olive oil made in Israel. But now it is being imported in cans suitable for home use. There are other foods, too, such as marmalades, jellies and jams, and chocolates.

More about these fine products later, when I can get information for you as to where to purchase them.

LOOKING BACKWARD

10 YEARS AGO

The nation's leading dailies blasted the United States for its "straddle" in United Nations Security Council debate over Palestine partition. . . . Tension was high in Palestine as unidentied Jews attacked the car of Palestine commanding general MacMillan.

ONE YEAR AGO

The American Council for Judaism denied the allegation that it was harmful to the Jewish people. . . . Attendance "tricks" were hit by Rabbi Hyman Judah Schachtel of Congregation Beth Israel in Houston, Tex. . . . Rabbi Gershon Winer of Denver, sued a Denver baking company for $425,000, claiming their non-kosher cookies caused him to lose his job. . . . Sex in sermons was hit by Rabbi Harry Essrig of Temple Emmanuel in Grand Rapids, Mich. . . . Hatemonger John Kasper turned his fire from Negroes to Jews.

ONE FOREIGNER TO MARCH

TEL AVIV—One foreigner, a Dutchman, has applied for permission to join a march to Jerusalem, March 31.

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LA Schools To Open on Rosh Hashana

LOS ANGELES (NJP)—**PUBLIC SCHOOLS** of the city of Los Angeles will open their fall term on the first day of Rosh Hashana. This will mean that Jewish students from 125,000 homes will not be present on the opening day of the term.

Joseph Roos, executive director of the local community relations committee of the Jewish community council said that "a sincere effort was made by school officials to shift the opening date, but their plan proved unworkable."

Roos, in a statement circulated to all rabbis and member organizations of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council, expressed regret "that some people have made wild and irresponsible charges."

THIS REFERRED to one local Anglo-Jewish publisher who had described the date as "a flagrant act of religious disrespect." Local school officials said that no protests had been lodged with them, except from the one publisher.

In a statement to The POST and OPINION, Roos said that the board of education had been involved in many months of discussion on the problem with representatives of CRC and rabbis of each wing.

The original calendar scheduled the school starting date as a week earlier, Sept. 8. But this was withdrawn when parents and teachers objected to the shortening of the summer vacation.

FEAR THAT Jewish students would be deprived of an equal opportunity to register for preferred courses was overcome, according to Roos, by school authorities inaugurating a new method of pre-registration. This is intended as a pre-opening day registration which will enable all to pick classes earlier. School counselors will be on duty during the pre-registration to assist all children.

First 'Sputnikers' to Skip Were Jewish Kids

TORRINGTON, Conn. (NJP)—The Torrington Board of Education decided, in the post-Sputnik emphasis on scholarship, to allow exceptional children to skip grades. The first three children in the system allowed to skip grades were from the local Jewish community. Felice Blinkoff, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Blinkoff, David Dan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Dan, and Marta Strogatz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Strogatz, were the three children that skipped. Mr. Strogatz, incidentally, has just completed two years as president of the local Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Blinkoff serves on the mayor's advisory committee in Torrington.

Society Elects Marcus

WASHINGTON (WNS)—The American Jewish Historical Society, at its 56th annual meeting here, elected Professor Jacob R. Marcus of Cincinnati to its presidency.

Books and Religious Articles

Howard Fast's 'Moses' Not From the Bible

By ABRAHAM BURSTEIN

MOSES, PRINCE OF EGYPT, by Howard Fast, $3.95 (Crown).

Mr. Fast, once virtually defied by the Soviet press, and now the subject of their top-drawer epithets of slander, is undoubtedly one of America's most skilled fiction writers.

His novel of the young Moses, from his early days at court, through a series of family and military adventures, up to the realization of his actual origin, is a potential bestseller in its own right; but not by right of anything said or even remotely intimated in the Bible. Yet one pre-publication reader has fatuously described the book as one that has continuously filled in the Bible story. That it has not. However, it is an encyclopedic depicter of the life and mores of ancient Egypt and its neighbors; rarely does historical fiction so thoroughly limn a period and its personalities.

As for Moses, there is not the slightest warrant for assuming him a drunken lecher, an unrestrained soldier killer; that is impure imagination. There are scenes in the novel, such as the battle massacre of the soldiers of Kish, hardly matched in all literature.

The dialog of the raisonneurs is most impressive. Nun, presumably to become father of Joshua, is Moses' slave. Miriam is a multiparous harridan. Aaron does not appear.

In a word, as a novel the work is magnificent; as a picture of the Moses we know or can conjecture as to his youth, it is all Fast.

EXTINCT LANGUAGES, by Johannes Friedrich, $5.00 (Philosophical).

The history of the great decipherments, and of ancient tongues, in which any sapient Jew will find vaulting interest and fascination.

LIFE PLUS 99 YEARS, by Nathan F. Leopold, $5.50 (Doubleday).

Now that Leopold has gained the parole hoped for in the last paragraph of his prison biography, his book should sell excellently.

Erle Stanley Gardner has supplied the introduction, which seems to advocate a general jail delivery everywhere; and Leopold has, like all autobiographers, done some whitewashing and some indirect assailing, as in his designation of prison keepers.

The writer thinks 60 per cent of Meyer Levin's work "balderdash," but is grateful for Levin's efforts on his behalf. The book is remarkable for its authentic picturization of prison life, prison rebellions and murders, and Leopold's variegated humanitarian activities in Statesville and Joliet—educational, literary, medical, and penal.

He tells something of the Jewish holidays, and of his studying—among many other languages—the Hebrew tongue. (Nevertheless, he says of his dead aunt, "olovah sholom."). Still, he speaks worshipfully of Christmas and Jesus.

There is no understanding that if he and Loeb had been granted a full Jewish religious education, the spoiled youngsters might never have committed the crime which sent one to an early death and the other to release after 33 years.

EGYPT IN BIBLICAL PROPHECY, by Wilbur M. Smith, $3.50 (W. A. Wilde Co., 131 Clarendon St., Boston 16).

It is Professor Smith's thesis that many future events, even up to the present day, were foretold in Scriptural references to Egypt, mainly in the major prophets. Most of the work forms a valuable scholarly study, qualified, however, by the bland Christian assumption that all OT foretelling applies directly to NT theory.

He awaits a second return of Jews to Egypt, even after the very recent Nasser atrocities. And ultimately, "Egypt will have a revival of true religion; she will turn to God, will be blessed of God, and wil be at peace with her neighbors."

A BEGINNER'S HANDBOOK TO BIBLICAL HEBREW, by John H. Marks and Virgil M. Rogers, $4.50 (Abingdon).

Employing both the inductive and deductive language methods, with the Genesis text as foundation, and supplementing their work with a valuable set of paradigms, these Princeton professors have composed a concise yet thorough introduction to the holy tongue.

The material is offset-printed from typed and completely justified mimeograph copy by W. G. Oxtoby.

It would be well for the learner, however, to study Hebrew reading separately in advance; at least, he will know that the yod is not pronounced yothe, to rhyme with clothe, nor the vav wow, to rhyme with how.

A Jewish teacher is always best. For the rest of the book can be highly commended to all who already know Hebrew, but wish to brush up on less remembered syntactical rules and practices.

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Names in the News

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DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE was unanimously elected to his 10th term as president of the Jewish National Fund at a meeting in New York. He was honored for 25 years' service to Zionism and the Fund.

An exhibit commemorating the 70th birthday of artist ARTHUR KAUFMANN is on view at the Jewish Museum in New York. . . . DR. EVERETT R. CLINCHY is new administrative president of the World Brotherhood organization. Dr. Clinchy has been president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews since 1928. . . . RABBI FRITZ WINTER of Montevideo, Uruguay, a member of the World Jewish Congress presidium in Uruguay, was honored at a WJC dinner in New York last month. . . . DR. GEORGE PINESS, president of Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles, has been elected a trustee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. . . . DR. EUGENE D. ROSENFELD, former executive director of the Long Island Jewish Hospital, was recently appointed consultant to Hadassah for the Hadassah-Hebrew University medical center. . . . DR. S. NORMAN FEINGOLD this week was named national director of B'nai B'rith ocational service. . . . JUDGE NATHAN J. KAUFMAN was the recipient of the sixth annual brotherhood award of Oak Woods lodge of B'nai B'rith in Detroit.

Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco, honored its CANTOR REUBEN R. RINDER on his 45th year with the congregation at Sabbath services Feb. 21 and 22. . . . The Jewish Welfare Federation of San Francisco recently reelected WALTER A. HAAS its president. . . . DR. LOUIS NULMAN, dean of the Scranton, Pa., Hebrew day school, attended a state-wide educational conference for the improvement of instruction last month.

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, president of the American Jewish Congress, thanked Pope Pius XII in the course of an audience with him for the Vatican's protection of Italian Jews during World War II. The Pope in turn lauded Dr. Goldstein and B'nai B'rith president, PHILIP KLUTZNICK, on the good work and philanthropy of B'nai B'rith.

Former Israeli army chief of staff MOSHE DAYAN began studies in the humanities and social sciences at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem this month. . . . The National Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans presented its "Woman of the Year" award to ROSE R. ICHELSON, Philadelphia bacteriologist, at a luncheon this month in Washington, D. C.

Dayan

"The economic and social survival" of Israel requires intensive aplication of science and technology with sacrifices of "other things," GEN. YAACOV DORI, president of Israel's Technion, told a conference of the American ORT Federation in New York City.

Polish Scientists To Israel

THURGOOD MARSHALL, director-counsel of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, received the 10th annual man of the year award of B'nai B'rith lodge No. 874 in Lowell, Mass., at a dinner there, Feb. 20. . . . PROFESSOR L. FLECK, one of the world's greatest microbiologists, has settled in Israel and is working at the Israel institute for biological research at Ness Ziona. . . . SAM MASSELL JR. has been named Atlanta, Ga.'s "outstanding young man of the year" by the local junior chamber of commerce.

CANTOR NATHAN KATZMAN was featured in a premiere of "The Sabbath Queen" at Hollywood Temple Beth El music festival. Cantor Katzman wrote the playlet. . . . HENRY MONTER, former executive head of the Israel bond drive in the United States, joined the board of the Japhet bank in Tel Aviv. . . . A farewell tribute was recently accorded DR. DAVID RUDAVSKY, retiring executive director of the Jewish Education Association in Newark,, N J., at an all-day pedagogic seminar. . . .

JACOB S. HOLLANDER was honored for his 50 years of social service at the annual Hillel dinner in Temple Beth El, Rochester, N. Y. . . . JACK D. WEILER has been named a member of the board of overseers of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University . . . The board of trustees of the Jewish community federation of Cleveland, O., has re-elected MAX SIMON as its president.

THE JEWISH ACADEMY of Arts and Sciences has inducted three fellows and eight new members . The fellows are HORACE M. KALLEN, philosopher; BELA SCHICK, medical researcher, and SELMAN A WAKSMAN, dean of Rutgers University. New members are WILLIAM W. BRICKMAN, professor of education at New York University; ABRAHAM J. DUKER, dean of the College of Jewish Studies; THEODORE H. GASTER, comparative religionist; NAHUM GLATZER, professor of Jewish history at Brandeis University; STEPHEN S. KAYSER, curator of the Jewish Museum; SAMUEL ROSENBLATT, professor of Johns Hopkins; REUBEN WALLENROD, professor at Brooklyn College, and HERMAN WOUK, novelist, dramatist and visiting professor at Yeshiva University.

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Rabbis Ask Stores to Close Friday Nights

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (NJP) —The Atlantic county board of rabbis has urged this city's retail merchants association to reverse its decision to stay open on Friday evening, charging that Friday evening openings encourage "needless violation" of the Jewish Sabbath.

The Friday evening openings, the rabbis declared in an open letter, adversely affect attendance at synagogue services. "We feel similar," they added, "to what our neighbors of other faiths would feel like if the stores would act similarly on Sunday mornings."

LEHMAN URGES 'TVA OF MID-EAST'

NEW YORK (NJP)—Former Senator Herbert Lehman has urged a Middle East bank to finance a program "like a TVA of the Middle East."

Through the bank, all interested nations "would contribute to the development of the entire Middle East—Arab and Israeli alike," he declared.

US Export Ceiling Will Hurt Israelis: Haaretz

TEL AVIV (NJP)—The United State state department's reported decision to set a ceiling of $600,000 for the export of books and periodicals without foreign currency payments came under the fire of the Israel daily Haaretz this week.

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PROFILE ON HAMILTON, OHIO

B'NAI B'RITH GROUPS LICK PROBLEM OF RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

By ARNOLD ROSENZWEIG

HAMILTON, O. (NJP) — The B'nai B'rith lodge and chapter here have taken a leading role in keeping "released time" for religious instruction out of the public schools—a vexing problem throughout Ohio.

In a Jewish community of but 400, B'nai B'rith awards a college scholarship to a graduating senior each year. There are no restrictions on who can receive the scholarship.

MRS. SARA ROSIN, former district president of B'nai B'rith women, is one of the founders of Hamilton High School PTA and its first president. Active in the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, she has served as its vice-chairman in Ohio in Kentucky.

Mrs. Rosin and other members of B'nai B'rith women have also been active in a dolls for democracy program. Two blood banks in Hamilton were established through the work of B'nai B'rith.

ADL calendars are given Hamilton's public schools each year and the public schools and library are recipients of the ADL book, "Your Neighbor Celebrates."

Eighty-five per cent of the Jewish community belongs to the B'nai B'rith lodge or chapter.

WILLIAM MURSTEIN, president of the community's Jewish Welfare fund, is founder of the city's Murstein fund, a philanthropic foundation, and Murstein house for senior citizens, one of the largest in the state.

Murstein is also one of the engineers of the city's United Appeal campaign and chairman of the mayor's advisory committee on public housing and slum clearance.

The community of 400 in a city of 58,000 has two congregations, Reform Temple Bene Israel with 175 members and Conservative Congregation Beth Israel with 225.

Rabbi David Robins of Bene Israel is practically a full time rabbi, although he is also a full-time student at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, 24 miles north.

Rabbi Robins notes a trend back to traditional observance among his congregation. Thirty-five to 45 attend services on Friday evenings now compared to about 20 a year ago, he said.

His congregation holds an adult study group weekly, where six members study Hebrew. Although interest in the group is new, the major rise in interest in Jewish education is directed toward the children, Rabbi Robins declared.

"People are more anxious than ever before to have a good Jewish education for their children," he said.

RABBI JOSEPH KRICKSTEIN of Beth Israel has been with his congregation for 10 years. Out of the 70 families in his congregation, 20 keep kosher, he said. Interest in Jewish education in his congregation is rising so much that an educational wing to the synagogue is necessary, he told The POST and OPINION.

But he said that his idea was receiving opposition from a group in his congregation pushing for an entirely new building.

Rabbi Krickstein added that his Jewish adult classes have finally "struck root." His two classes meet twice a week to study Hebrew and the Bible.

The rabbi, who is temporarily hospitalized, also plans to initiate a pledge program for Sabbath service attendance.

Both rabbis agree that being rabbi in a small city such as Hamilton makes for intimate relations with their congregations that are impossible in a larger community. They also agree that there is a renewed search for Jewish identification among Hamilton's Jewry.

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ARE JEWS HOSPITABLE?

IT IS DIFFICULT to determine from the sketchy report in last week's POST and OPINION exactly what phase of the problem of our young Jewish people Morris Zelditch of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds was discussing.

Drake Mabry, POST and OPINION correspondent in Des Moines, reporting on a speech by the director of social planning for the CJFWF, quotes Zelditch as deploring the lack of places for young Jewish people to meet.

"This is why young Jewish people do not return to their community," Zelditch is reported as saying.

What evidently is being referred to here is the fact that in small communities the youngsters go off to college and many do not return to live in the cities of their birth.

THIS NO DOUBT is a problem. But we hardly think it is the major problem and we imagine that Mr. Zelditch knows as well as we do that the problem is not that young Jewish people in these circumstances have no place to meet, but rather in the fact that the girls go away from home because they must do so in order to find husbands. They know all the local Jewish boys, and if the synagogue held a dance every night, the situation would not be altered.

But there is a problem, and that problem, in view of the wide migration in these United States, is an aggravated one that hardly is ever mentioned, although we've touched upon it here before. That is with the Jewish youngster who takes a job in a strange community. If he is aggressive, he will show up at the local Jewish community center and thus begin to integrate himself into Jewish activities. Or he may begin to attend services and in that way make new contacts.

But for the most part, our Jewish youngsters fail to assert themselves in this way. This is especially so where they may be rebuffed in one way or another, not so much because the local Jewish communities are made up of inhospitable people, but more because all of us are preoccupied with our regular work and social lives and few go out of our way to greet strangers.

WHAT IS THERE to do?

There might be some exchange basis whereby a membership in Hillel entitles one to free membership for a period of time in a Jewish community center, wherever the center is located.

There might be provision for free congregational and center memberships to all newcomers in any community.

There should be welcoming committees in every Jewish community, even the smallest ones.

We believe the National Council of Jewish Women, to whom we made such a suggestion some years back in this editorial page, has embarked on such a project, but aimed at new families, not new young adults. At least we read somewhere, perhaps in one of our four local editions, that such a committee was functioning.

We've seen little discussion of this problem, and in fact Mr. Zelditch's speech in Des Moines was the first we had heard that the CJFWF was assuming the obligation of doing something in this area. But we're happy to note that it may finally be getting the attention it deserves.

ISRAEL WILL DECIDE

ANY SUPPORTER of Israel is rightly concerned when her unfriendly neighbors take actions which could likely increase the danger to the Jewish state.

That is why there was considerable uneasiness when the new Arab federations were announced.

Yet some editorial writers of Jewish papers were voicing fears and looking lugubriously at the situation in a way which indicated that they were ready to start running.

There are two mistakes made by those who were ready to holler even before Israel was hurt.

ONE IS THAT THEY have not learned the lesson that Israel seems well able to take care of herself, not alone on the battlefield, but also across the diplomatic table. Israel Jewry is not German Jewry.

The other is that Israel will decide what is good and what is bad for her.

For our part, we're perfectly willing to let the Israelis handle their own affairs, and in time this attitude will be the one that will come to prevail throughout world Jewry, and, of course, in United States Jewry.

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The EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

BEGINNING this week in The POST and OPINION you will read the first of a series of pages promoting Israel merchandise.

For years now, going back much farther than the establishment of the state, there has been this problem of putting Israel merchandise on the shelves and on the counters of stores throughout the United States. This is a tremendous market. If there were one place where it was thought Israel would excel, it would be in selling her products in foreign trade.

Yet exactly the opposite is true.

In the realm of government, in the realm of the art of war, and in departments where Jews were expected to take years to learn to achieve their goals, the Israelis have amazed the world. In the realm of trading, where Jews were believed to be superior, there has been this dismal failure.

THERE WERE many reason why in your own department stores today, Israel products do not have a brisk sale. At first the quality was shoddy. Then, too, there was a lack of style consciousness. Also the Israel manufacturers had no conception of trading in a country like the United States, and often ignored and shoved aside orders, which only infuriated and later antagonized American buyers.

Much of this has been corrected and today Israel is slowly beginning to build her export sales again.

You can be helpful in this respect, and this is where this weekly page in The POST and OPINION comes in.

As you see items which appeal to you as a wearer or a consumer, then it is up to you to badger your local department store to introduce those items onto its shelves. Department store operators are only people, and they are very much willing to add new items when they are convinced these will have a ready sale. You and your friends can do that convincing.

The coupon on this new page is ready-made for making it easy for you to achieve this most helpful effort in behalf of Israel. The sooner Israel can export more, then the sooner does she become self-sufficient.

UJA dollars are very much needed, and Israel Bond dollars make it possible to introduce modern efficiency into Israel manufacturing and industry.

BUT NEITHER compare in the least way, and the UJA people and the Bond people will be the first to concede this, to making it possible for Israel to earn her own way by selling her wares in foreign markets.

As these sales mount, then more jobs are opened for Israelis and that calls for plant expansion. More homes are needed for the new workers, more and better of everything is required as the Israelis find higher paying work, and the entire economic system begins to hum smoothly operating on sound economic principles.

THIS PROJECT is an idea developed by The POST and OPINION. Israeli importers, as you will note, were quick to understand that this page may be the answer to a speedy expansion of their market in the United States.

It is up to you readers now to provide the link which will put the entire system into operation.

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THE LATE saintly Rabbi Leo Baeck is quoted in a bulletin we receive from one of the hundreds of congregations who have put us on their mailing lists as saying that it is not necessary to do everything as long as one makes a start at it. Even lighting of the Sabbath candles is a start toward observance of the Sabbath, Dr. Baeck wrote.

This is a hoary Jewish tradition applied to the needs of the moment, something that our uneducated but not unwilling Jewish masses of today may understand.

THE SAME approach applies to the need for a minimum guide. If the two mothers referred to in our Editor's Chair of several weeks ago (NJP, Feb. 28) had before them a guide which was generally accepted and which said they should not schedule affairs on the Sabbath, we're sure there would not have been this Valentine party at the Jewish country club to which perhaps 100 Jewish teenagers had been invited.

There are many pitfalls to promulgating a minimum guide to Jewish practice today, but that there is need for such a basis for Jewish observance no one in his right mind should argue.

PURIM: Collective Catharsis For Israel

By RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN
KAM Temple, Chicago

The Book of Esther and the ceremonies that attend the Purim festival have served as a great catharsis for our people. They have found in them a release from self-imposed restraints, as well as from those imposed from without.

Rabbi Weinstein

In the pale of settlement, without overt police power, by sheer inner discipline, the Jewish people accepted a moral code and a system of community obligations which alone kept them sane and viable under the harsh uses of adversity. Without that self-imposed code, they would have been shattered to nothingness on the iron anvil of history.

BUT THE CODE exacted its price. Its suppression of normal human aggressions created frustrations and various unhealthy compensatory devices. The Purim gave outlet to many of these suppressions. It was the community's freeing of a tethered libido and the cost was just a bit of shalah manot to the poor.

Above all, the book offered a bloodless revenge on the enemy—whoever it was—oppressive czar, local police or the landlord.

HAMAN was the ever-present oppressor. By hanging him and his spawn, the Jew retaliated against a person or persons they were too weak to assault; and since it was a fantasy, or literary revenge, they let it be unrestrained. They let Haman and his sons be hanged on a gallows 50 cubits high. They drowned the Persian oppressors in blood, as Pharaoh's soldiers were drowned in the Red Sea.

Rather strong fare, one might suggest, for a people who knew too well the senselessness of power and revenge; rather bloody business to be sanctioned by a place in the canon of the Bible and in the religious calendar of the Jews!

YES, SO IT IS. But Jews are folk of flesh and blood. They can't always love their neighbors when their neighbors are bent on destroying them. They can't always disassociate the evil from the evil doer. Judaism, unfortunately, has had to realize full well how the imagination of man is evil from his youth onward.

But is it not better than Haman be hanged in effigy; that the children kick the benches and twirl the greggers than that they take punitive revenge on persons?

This is indeed a psychological equivalent of war. It has enabled our people to accept the role of victim without being bestialized in the process.

AND FOR THE REST, our women have seen to it that Haman and his banning do not monopolize the whole festival. What with their special foods and gifts for the poor and elaborate exchanges of shalah manot, they have drained into peaceful channels much of their aggressions; and in this way our women folk created spiritual laughter out of life's adversities.

They said this is indeed a time to laugh, a day to cultivate a sense of humor, which, like a fine oil, will keep our joints from stiffening under the hammers of adversity. But they insisted that it be an all-encompassing laughter, the laughter of mercy and gentleness, with the laughter of that virtuous woman whom the Proverbs describe — "Strength and dignity are her clothing and she laugheth at the time to come."

Rabbi Weinstein 'Flirts' With Christian Ideas

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:

I HAVE NOTICED that almost every week Rabbi Weinstein, in writing about the weekly portion, adds something about Christianity in his comments. I would never have written to you about this matter, even though I was opposed to his methods of "flirting" with Christianity, were it not for Rabbi Weinstein's article in the issue of your paper of Jan. 3, 1958, which seemed to me to be the "last straw!"

In that column the rabbi was supposed to comment on "Vayehi" but to my great astonishment he failed to mention anything that was in any way connected with that portion of the Torah.

Vayehi is of great importance and significance to the Jews as it has to do with the death of Jacob, the last of our great patriarchs, and the blessings which he bestowed upon his children and his grandchildren. Instead of commenting on this or any other event in the portion, the esteemed rabbi found it more important to mention, with great pride, that he was once honored to room with a minister at a conference. He also mentions the New Year of 1958, foreign affairs and even Khrushchev in his article but not a word about Jacob. I would like to know what all these matters have to do in connection with the portion!

TO ADD FUEL to the fire, the last paragraph of Rabbi Weinstein's article mentioned with great admiration a quotation from Saint Paul, quote: "The New Year is a good time to be reminded of the sage words of Paul: 'When I was a child I spake as a child and did as a child, but when I grew up, I put away childish things.'"

I repeat myself: what has all this got to do with "Vayehi" and the Jews? I am an American citizen and a Jew; it makes no difference whether I am Orthodox, Reform or Conservative, but when I read a Jewish national paper I expect to read articles pertaining to Jewish matters, and not about the teachings of other religions. If I wanted to read about Christianity, I would buy the "Christian Science Monitor"!

IF RABBI Weinstein has as much admiration for Christianity as he seems to have, then why is he writing for a JEWISH national paper?

I am sure that the majority of your readers will agree with my point of view, and I am looking forward to their reactions to this "Letter to the Editor."

MARK LINKER
New York City

Attempts to Sway Beliefs Of Others Puzzles Rabbi

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:

THE FREQUENT attempts in the pages of The POST by the adherents of the three wings of Judaism to bolster their case by disregarding the other wings, or even by identifying traditional Judaism with their respective viewpoint baffles me. Why should any honest and intelligent person want another human being to go contrary to his own honest thinking? I believe that Judaism is a religious way of life which aims to sanctify us completely, our senses as well as our thoughts, through our daily living.

Even if Judaism in the past were not an evolving way of life, I would nevertheless try to make it such, so that it be for me the most meaningful way of life. Yet, if another Jew's mind (that God gave him) leads him to believe that Judaism is the changeless truth revealed by God millennia ago; or, if another Jew cannot find spiritual meaning in areas of living where I do, what right have I to demand of either to think and feel and live as I do? (Of course, both they and I have a right to appeal to the mind of the others.)

A HUMAN being who demands of another that he reject his own thoughts and needs shows either that he himself is insecure in his faith (and needs universal agreement to help him feel right); or he fails to realize that true religious living must flow from deep thoughts and deep feeling (which can come only from within, and not out of deference or fear); or he is merely a self-seeker to whom outward religion is a means to a selfish end.

What we should all seek in living and teaching our way of life is knowledge, thought, integrity, courage, exchange of ideas, mutual understanding and mutual regard.

NATHAN A. BARACK
Rabbi, Congregation Beth El
Sheboygan, Wis.

Rabbis Urged to Answer Youth

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:

I AM APPEALING to the Orthodox rabbis to help us out with a very important question. The Jewish youth of today is asking hundreds of question—"Why is this and why is that?" Most of them we can answer.

When it comes to kashrut, we can answer their questions. But we would like to hear the Orthodox rabbis urge the younger generation to read and convince themselves why we older generations believe in and maintain kashrut.

Our youth is full of doubts and they are slipping away from our most ancient traditions. It is important for them to realize that such an observance as kashrut is not outmoded.

WE READ of and hear the Conservative and Reform rabbis saying one thing and meaning another. Why don't they speak up—or are they for Jewish welfare?—and urge that kashrut be kept, and lend a hand in this direction.

But they won't support the need for kashrut with a clear mind. I, personally, would not trust the regulation of kashrut business to them because they themselves do not live up to the traditions of kashrut inherited from our fathers.

In a lot of minds, there is politics involved in kashrut regulation and politics, as we know, is not kosher. Before I would trust the regulation of kashrut to Conservative and Reform rabbis, I would become a vegetarian.

I. SHAVIN
Chattanooga, Tenn.

No Demand For Reform In Israel?

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:

IN YOUR CURRENT issue you headline the news that there is "No Demand for Conservative or Reform in Israel" according to two gentlemen from Israel visiting our country.

One of these gentlemen is a rabbi. The other, a Mizrachi leader, formerly a Hebrew teacher in St. Louis.

By their statements, these gentlemen admit that there is no religious freedom in Israel. The fact that the rabbinate has control of marriage and divorce is proof enough. The Orthodox rabbinate (none other is permitted in Israel) compels men and women who are neither Orthodox nor observant of the type of Judaism which the Orthodox preach and partially practice, to submit to their type of marriage ceremony. The same rabbinate prohibits Conservative or Reform Jewish houses of worship. They do not recognize the rabbis of these branches of Judaism.

IF THERE IS no "demand for Conservative or Reform in Israel," why are the Orthodox fighting these branches? Can it be that their fight is not entirely "L'shem Shamayim"?

They remind me of the story of the man who asserted that his mother was very wise when she advised him not to become a tailer but to take up the shoemaker's trade. As proof of his mother's wisdom, he cited the fact that he has been a shoemaker for 20 years and in all the 20 years no one brought him a pair of pants to mend.

I also record the days when the Jewish hospital in St. Louis had no kosher kitchen. The leaders of the hospital asserted that there was no demand for kosher food in the hospital.

But after a kosher kitchen was instituted in the hospital there was plenty of demand for kosher food.

When Israel becomes a modern state where religion and state are separated and freedom of religion will be instituted, Conservative and Reform congregations will spring up, yes, perhaps even ethical societies.

OSCAR LEONARD
Miami Beach, Fla.

JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY CANNOT BE BRIDGED

By DRAKE MABRY

DES MOINES, Iowa (NJP)—A noted exponent of Jewish survivalism warned here recently that the differences between Judaism and Christianity "cannot be bridged."

But, said Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin of New York, editor of the Jewish Spectator, it is good "we recognize and respect the differences between the two."

SHE ADDED: "It is easier, psychologically speaking, to be a Christian than a Jew."

In a speech at a forum sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Federation and the three synagogues here, Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin said there is little chance the two religions can be transformed into one (Judeo-Christianity) because Judaism has attempted to take God out of the sphere of man, and Christianity has attempted to implant God as a man, to bring Him nearer to man.

CHRISTIANS DO this, she said, to face the difficulty of explaining the incomprehensible—God.

"Judaism always has been adverse to defining God too closely," she added. "We believe he is one, unique, incomparable, and that the true meaning of God cannot be known."

"Our ancestors felt our ideas were worth fighting and dying for," she concluded.

Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin said Jews do not place the importance on sin that most Christians do.

"CHRISTIANS believe that Jesus was born to comfort man and that by believing in him, one may be redeemed from sin," she said.

"The Jew knows he can sin," she went on, "but he does not need or want a redeemer. He wants to redeem himself by his own ethical effort through the power of free will.

"We believe in collective salvation, not only personal salvation. We pray for the community of Israel and all of mankind. We do not believe in order to be saved one must be a Jew," she said.

ANOTHER difference, said Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin, is that Jews do not tie sin and sensuality as closely as the Christians.

She said Christianity has not been a religion of love in its relation with non-Christians.

"Who can better testify to this than Jews?" she asked. "For 1,800 years we were shunted, hunted and murdered by this religion of love. But rather than convert, most Jews chose death."

Today, she said, most Jews support all faiths.

"This is not left to mere emotion," she said. These obligations of brotherly love are Jewish law. That's why Jewish communities are so generous to all charities. This love of mankind is fortified by law.

"But we Jews respect Christians and Christianity and we hope they respect Jews and our religion."

Other points made emphatically by Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin:

CONVERTS—"Jews are not eager to make converts. Why? Our rabbis are told to discourage converts. Our law says to turn a prospective convert away three times. Only after the fourth time can we start work on conversion. We are eager to convert if one comes to us out of conviction. Salvation does not depend on creed but deed."

LOVE—"Jews have always known what educators are just finding out—that love alone is not enough. We need law and discipline, too.

HEBREW BIBLE—"Never use the term 'Old Testament' when speaking of the Hebrew Bible. That term connotes that Judaism is old, obsolete and ended. But we are still a living and vital people.

"Christianity teaches that Jewish history stopped 2,000 years ago. But if the impact of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament were compared, it would be found that the Hebrew Bible carries a stronger impact on American life and literature.

"We know the founding fathers (of America) considered Hebrew as the language of the new republic. We know that many families in the early life of America used names from the Hebrew Bible for their children. Hebrew was taught in American colleges and universities as long as 250 years ago. And many expressions considered typical of this country can be traced to Hebrew origin."

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL — In a question and answer period following the talk, Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin said the current revival in religious activity is recognized, but that she questions the quality of the revival.

"I don't want to speak disparingly of the future of the Jew in America," she said, "but I am dissatisfied with some of the things I've seen."

In a lighter vein, Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin commented that some rabbis in New York City "extend their bachelorhood beyond the proper limits."

"Congregations do not like that," she smiled. "We Jews are strongly committed to the family and feel that a rabbi is more effective if he is married."

Jewish Youth Not as 'Tough' As They 'Ought to Be': Editor

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (NJP)—**JEWISH TEENAGERS** are no longer as "tough" as they ought to be, and don't think for themselves enough, declared Irving Leibowitz, assistant managing editor of The Indianapolis Times, before the United Central Hebrew Congregation youth group here this week.

Leibowitz

They've become "too soft" and don't realize how lucky they are to live in a country where they aren't persecuted for their Jewishness, he said.

Rather than using their own minds, he added, they conform to the demands of the crowd. Moreover, he declared, they don't have the respect for their elders that they should have.

LEIBOWITZ blamed the "softness" of Jewish teenagers as much on parents as the teenagers themselves. Parents don't teach their children self-denial as they used to, he said.

Jewish boys and girls, he declared, "can't afford to be soft and dumb," because they live in a competitive world. So they must be "hard, bright, and smart," he added.

Speaking on the Purim holiday, Leibowitz told the group that "We read the Purim story, but we don't understand it." Jewish teenagers don't realize that they have to be "tough" to withstand the onslaught of such oppressors of the Jewish people as Hitler and Haman, he said.

"The Jewish people have had to be tough and strong to survive," he declared.

HOSTEL BEING BUILT

JERUSALEM—The Israel ministry of labour's housing division is building an 84-room hostel on the outskirts of Beersheba, for professional workers.

GIs in Germany Invited to Israel

LYDDA AIRPORT, Israel—One hundred U. S. servicemen stationed in Germany will be able to visit Israel for independence day celebrations in aircraft chartered by Travex, a spokesman for the company reported here last month.

Nasser Follows 'Blueprint' —Just As Hitler Did Earlier

By RUBY ZAGOREN

TORRINGTON, Conn. (NJP) —The United Arab Republic shows that history repeats itself, S. Robert Abrahami, editor of Israel's first bi-lingual newspaper, told a Zionist group here. "Just as Hitler blueprinted his entire plan in Mein Kampf and carried it out, so Nasser wrote a book about his philosophy of the Egyptian Revolution.

"In this book he outlines pan-Arabism, a pan Arab empire from the Persian Gulf to the Indian Ocean." Again, as with Hitler, few took Nasser's plot seriously.

"YET ALREADY, Syria and Yemen have joined Egypt, just as Nasser wrote in his book a good two years ago, Abrahami declared. "Through the pipelines of Syria and the Suez Canal, 90 per cent of the oil used in Western Europe flows; by taking the Suez Canal and annexing Syria, Nasser has put his thumb on the jugular vein of Western Europe," according to Abrahami.

These three Arab countries have everything in common—army, navy, air force—except a common border. "The ring is closing in on Israel. But Israel," he said confidently, "is able to repel any attack, from the Arabs, singly or collectively. The record proves that the Arabs can shout, but Israel has proved she can push the Arab states back into the sand."

"WHEN ISRAEL talks about its troops, what troops? We are a people's army. The barber in King David's Hotel is a captain in the Israeli Army; so is a certain taxi driver. We are a people's army," said Mr. Abrahami, who served with the Israeli army troops for 11 years.

He went on to say that "Israel is the Jew among the nations. Have no false illusions. There are many countries that have not accepted Israel. Not one country anywhere has come to Israel's aid. Its only true friend is the Jews of the world. And," he warned those present, "you can call yourselves anything you like, but the society in which you live will call you a Jew."

'No Recession' for Need

UJA GETS $18 MILLION AT KICKOFF FETE

By REVY BALKIN

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (NJP)—American Jewry proved Sunday night that there was no recession in their assuming the responsibility for hundreds of thousands of uprooted Jews now in Israel.

MORE THAN 1,500 Jewish leaders from every state in the union attending the 1958 inaugural dinner of the United Jewish Appeal at the Fontainebleau Hotel, pledged a grand total of $18,400,000, setting the pace for a $100 million rescue fund.

Brig. Gen. Dan Tolkowsky, commander of the Israel air force, asserted:

"No one knows what the political combination of Egypt and Syria holds in store for the Middle East and the rest of the world, but the Israelis know they must endure privation to prepare for whatever contingencies lie ahead."

Gen. Tolkowsky advised the group that the housing situation was acute, "with some 100,000 persons still living in temporary huts."

Commenting on the more than $18 million contributed to the campaign, Morris W. Bernstein, UJA general chairman told the group:

"YOUR ACTION proves that there is no recession in your support of those who desperately need your help . . . your response shows that you have confidence that the American economy is heading for a renewed upsurge.

Highlight of the evening was a tribute to William Rosenwald of New York, past general chairman, who was presented with an illuminated Hebrew copy of the Book of Esther.

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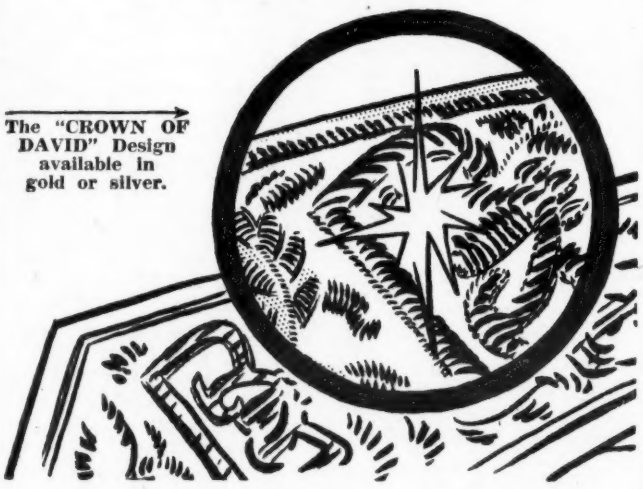

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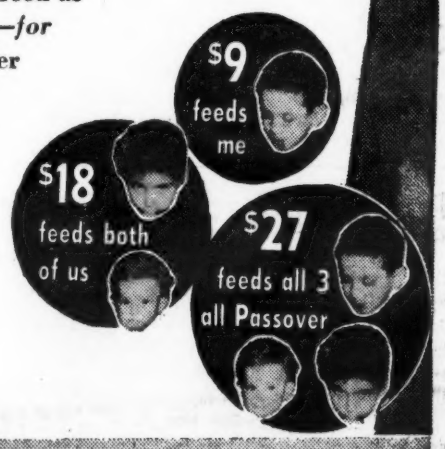

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